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Warning System to be Tested Saturday

The first test of the year for the Oakland County Outdoor Warning System is scheduled for this Saturday, March 2 at 1 p.m.

The warning system is comprised of 275 sirens and is tested at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month from March through November.

Consider this your warning!

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Everyone is Irish for the day on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, but it's never too early to get in the spirit of the holiday.

Five Star Social Connection will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 7 with a dance at the River Crest Banquet Center, located at 900 W. Avon in Rochester Hills.

Line Dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m., with all forms of dancing from 8-11 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10.

Five Star is a social group for folks that are ages 55 and up. Learn more at fivestarsocialconnection.org or contact David at 248-571-1655.

Petticoat Patriots: How MI Women Won the Vote

Discover the inspirational story of how Michigan women won the vote at a presentation on Thursday, March 7 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

The cost to attend is \$5. To register, visit their website at rochesterhills.org/musprograms or call 248-656-4663.



Massive Fire at USF Makes National Headlines

A FIRE BROKE OUT Tuesday morning at US Farathane, a plastics manufacturer and supplier located near I-75 & University in Auburn Hills. Crews from Rochester Hills, Troy, Waterford, and surrounding areas responded to the blaze, which sent thick plumes of black smoke into the air that could be seen for miles. Read more on page 3. - Photo by Andrew Neal

Auburn Road Corridor Construction Begins this Summer

by DREW HOWARD

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett announced this week that a new Auburn Road construction project designed to completely revamp the area will begin construction this summer.

The Auburn Road Corridor Project focuses on the six-block segment between Culbertson Avenue and Dequindre Road, and upon completion will see the area transformed into a walkable, pedestrian-friendly corridor. The \$12-million project calls for outdoor seating, lighting, new park-

ing options and the city's first pocket park featuring a splash pad, among other things.

The city plans to bid the reconstruction of Auburn Road as three separate projects. Alley and business construction is scheduled to take place from April to July this year, while road construction will last from May to November.

Secured funding includes \$475,000 from Road Federal Aid, \$1.2 million from MDOT and \$480,000 from MDOT Transportation Alternatives

Program.

City leaders are also emphasizing the project's impact on pedestrian safety in the corridor. At the 2018 State of the City Address, Mayor Barnett described the corridor as a "dangerous place for vehicles and pedestrians." The addition of safe pedestrian walkways as well as a new 25 mph speed limit in the corridor will address such issues.

Barnett added that the creation of a pedestrian-friendly corridor will also prove to be eco-

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School District Launches Wellness Task Force

by DREW HOWARD

Rochester Community School leaders are working to end the stigma around mental health with the creation of new task force this week.

In a press conference held during the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce's Community Outlook Breakfast on Feb. 22, RCS Superintendent Dr. Robert Shaner announced the formation of a task force purposed with ensuring the social and emotional wellness of its student body and staff. While details on how exactly the task force will operate were not fully outlined, Shaner emphasized the importance of ending the stigma around mental health.

The superintendent also stressed the impact opioids have had on the RCS community. "It's no secret that our community has been affected by a number of tragedies," Shaner told the crowd. "And we're disheartened not only by the number of suicides, but also opioid-related deaths in our community."

"According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States," he continued. "The Center for Disease Control lists suicide as the third leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24,

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Trivia Night Raises \$8,000 for Blessings in a Backpack Avondale

Over 150 members of the community helped raise \$8,000 at a fundraising event for Blessings in a Backpack Avondale, a foundation that addresses child hunger in the Avondale School District.

fle donations, sponsorships, and other contributions from local businesses and partners.

Every week, Blessings in a Backpack packs 320 backpacks filled with food for children on the



The trivia night fundraiser was organized by SFL Companies, a full service supply chain management and logistics firm. The event was hosted at Avery's Tavern in Rochester Hills on February 7 and raised money from ticket sales, raf-

free and reduced lunch program. More than half the funds for the organization are raised through fundraising events.

To learn more about Blessings in a Backpack, visit blessingsin-a-backpackmi.org/.

Rochester Schools Launch Mental Health Task Force

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and estimate that 4,600 lives are lost each year. And quite honestly, we don't talk about it, and we don't talk about it enough."

More than 700,000 people died from a drug overdose between 1999 and 2017, Shaner said, while close to 68 percent of overdoses in 2017 involved an opioid.

Detroit Red Wings announcer Ken Daniels took to the podium following Shaner to express his support for the task force. In 2016, Daniels lost his 23-year-old son to addiction after he took a

heroin pill laced with fentanyl.

"You've probably got medication in your cabinet that you don't even know is there," Daniels said. "But 12-year-olds, 13-year-olds, 15-year-olds, 18-year-olds with peer pressure will find it. My son became addicted in three to five days because the chemical receptors in your brain change. You want to say no, but you can't."

In an effort to reduce the stigma, Daniels urged audience members to confront issues around mental health and addiction head on. "I've never understood why if

we have any condition below the shoulders we'll talk about it, but if it's above the shoulders and it's mental illness we shy away from it...our family did," he said.

Daniels closed by thanking Shaner and his team for their work on the new task force. "Guidance counselors are wonderful - we need mental health experts within the schools," he said. "They need people to talk to, they need a safe place, and they need direction every day. Let's talk about this."

Auburn Corridor Improvement Project Moving Forward

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onomically beneficial for the area businesses.

"We believe the investment will spur additional private sector investment as we expect to see new boutiques, restaurants and entertainment venues along the corridor," Barnett said at the State of the City Address. "Improving the safety, aesthetics and just giving people a reason to walk, shop and dine in the his-

toric area is going to be the shot in the arm this district needs."

Auburn Road will see other big changes during construction, including the addition of two city-owned, non-metered parking lots as well as single-lane roundabouts at Harrison and Gerald.

Other plans include, but are not limited to: a decorative center median island; free parallel parking lanes on each side of the road; fencing on the outer edge of

alleys to screen neighborhoods; the removal of "most" driveways off of Auburn Road; and the permanent closure of Emmons Street between North Alley and Auburn to make room for a parking gathering space area.

A detailed handout outlining the Auburn Road Corridor Project can be found on Rochester City Council member Ryan Deel's website at ryandeel.com/.

Crews Contain Fire at Plastics Supplier

A fenced-in storage at US Farathane – a plastics manufacturer and supplier located near I-75 & University in Auburn Hills – caught fire Tuesday morning.

Despite the ominous black cloud of smoke emanating from the fire, the wind direction helped minimize damage to nearby buildings. "If this would have happened on



The massive fire engulfed the large outdoor storage area next to the USF building, which housed plastic, pallets, and other materials.

There were no injuries reported and the fire was contained and extinguished within hours of its start, but the fire's intensity and scale made national headlines.

Crews remained on scene throughout the rest of the day, and they are still investigating the cause of the fire.

Sunday, they could have lost that building," Tonya Perry, a retired Troy firefighter, told Fox 2 Detroit. Sunday's wind caused gusts of nearly 60 mph.

"Crews were able to control, maintain, and extinguish the fire within the company's storage area," Auburn Hills Fire Department said in a statement on their Facebook page. "There were no injuries or toxic chemical issues."

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Hitting the Curb is a Pretty Big Clue for Officers

POLICE PATROL



■ **CLASSIC CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT** - Last Monday at 8 p.m. a Rochester officer was dispatched to the 1000 block of Ironwood to take a "larceny from auto" report. The victim reported her catalytic converter had been stolen off her vehicle. She stated it had been parked on Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. and she did not drive it again until the 18th at 8 a.m. which is when she noticed the catalytic convert missing. This case has been turned over to the detective bureau for investigation.

■ **EXPIRED PLATES** - Just after midnight Saturday morning, a Rochester officer was in the area of University & Ludlow and observed a vehicle with a damaged license plate tab. The officer performed a records check of the license plate which showed it to be expired. A traffic stop was conducted, and

the officer made contact with the driver, a 53-year-old Clarkston man. The officer observed signs the driver had been drinking and he was placed through field sobriety testing. The man failed all offered tests and was transported to the Rochester Police Department where he agreed to an offered breath test resulting in a .15% BAC. The man was held until sober and released with a pending court date for operating while intoxicated.

■ **ANOTHER ONE STRIKES THE CURB** - That same morning around 2:30, a Rochester officer was in the area of Second & Walnut and observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign. The officer continued to watch the vehicle as it completed a turn and struck the curb. A traffic stop was conducted, and the officer made contact with the driver, a 24-year-old Clinton Twp. woman. The officer observed signs the driver had been drinking and she was placed through field sobriety testing. She failed all offered tests and was transported to the Rochester Police Department where she agreed to an offered breath test resulting in a .15% BAC

and a .14% BAC. The woman was held until sober and released with a pending court date for operating while intoxicated.

■ **NOTICING A TREND?** A Rochester officer was in the area of Second and Walnut and observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign. The officer followed the vehicle, observed it to accelerate quickly to a speed higher than the posted 25 mph limit, and was able to pace the vehicle at 45 mph. A traffic stop was conducted, and the officer made contact with the driver, a 23-year-old Chesterfield Twp. man. The officer observed signs the driver had been drinking and he was placed through field sobriety testing. The man failed all offered tasks but one and was transported to the Rochester Police Department where he agreed to an offered breath test resulting in a .17% BAC. He was held until sober and released with a pending court date for operating while intoxicated.

Note: If you have any information on the aforementioned crimes, call the Rochester Police Department at 248-651-9621 or the OCSO Rochester Hills Substation at 248-537-3530.

Slotkin Votes to Reauthorize Fund Benefiting Michigan Public Lands

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) this week voted to pass the Natural Resources Management Act, a bipartisan package of bills that permanently reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund and increases access to federal lands for hunting and fishing.

The act, which passed the Senate two weeks ago, 92-8, also establishes a research and development program for drones to monitor wildfires and designates several new protected parks, and other areas.

"My husband, Dave, and I love to fish, and in Michigan, hunting, fishing and enjoying our parks, rivers and

lakes are part of our way of life," Slotkin said. "Our office has fielded a high volume of calls and letters on the fund's importance, which shows its importance to our state."

The fund, whose authorization had expired in September, has pumped \$329 million into Michigan in its 53-year history. It directly benefits the 8th District through funds that support the Brighton and Lake Island State Recreation Areas in Livingston County. It also increases the funding cap for the MotorCities National Heritage Area from \$10 million to \$12 million. The area touches 16 Michigan counties.

Former U.S. Congressman Bill Broomfield Dies at Age 96

Former Congressman Bill Broomfield passed away on Wednesday evening, February 20, in suburban Washington. A well-



known and dedicated public servant, he served in the Michigan State House of Representatives and Senate for seven years and then as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives for 36 years. As Congressman, he held an important role as a ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee during the Cold War.

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett said in a press release this week, "I feel fortunate to have shared time with the Congressman, to hear his stories and learn from his experience. He served during challenging times in our history, including during the Vietnam War in the 1960s and 1970s, the Solidarity Movement in Poland, and the dismantling of the Berlin Wall."

His family had deep roots in

Oakland County as one of the original settlers of Stoney Creek Village.

"The Broomfield Center for Leadership was established at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in his honor," said Barnett. The Center consists of lectures, seminars, and programs covering a broad range of topics from politics, philanthropy, and more.

"We're grateful to his Foundation for their meaningful and lasting commitment to our community through this Center," said Barnett.

"On behalf of the City of Rochester Hills, we commend and remember his years of public service and offer condolences to his family."

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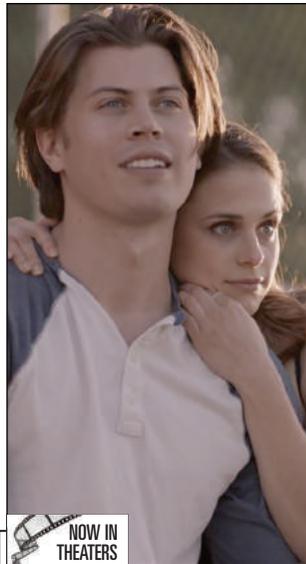
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Drama, TV-14



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Drama, R



SAINT JUDY
Drama, PG-13

RUN THE RACE

Reeling from his mother's death and his father's abandonment, Zach finds glory on the football field, working to earn a college scholarship and a ticket out of town. When an injury puts Zach on the sidelines, his brother David laces up his track cleats to salvage their future and point Zach toward hope.

SAINT JUDY

This film tells the true story of Los Angeles immigration attorney Judy Wood, who single-handedly changed the law of asylum and saved countless lives in the process. In one of her first cases, Wood represented an Afghan woman who fled her home country after being persecuted by the Taliban for opening a school for girls.

"Spitfire Grill" Serves Up Some Down-Home Charm

PLAY REVIEW

by
SUZANNE ANGIO (member, American Theatre Critics Association) and
GREG ANGIO (Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle)

The story of "The Spitfire Grill," a musical presented by Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, proves that disruption can be a good thing. In ways that are at first too small to be seen, like the tiny breeze from butterfly wings that can affect the weather miles away, one person can have a profound effect on those whose lives they touch, and beyond.

"Spitfire" began its barely six-week run off-Broadway in the fateful month of September 2001. The shattering effect of the terrorist attacks drew New York audiences to the comfort of the show's gentle reassurance and lovely musical score, with characters that feel like family. The book was co-authored by American writers and longtime friends James Valcq and Fred Alley, with Valcq composing the music and Alley, the lyrics. Tragically, Alley died just two weeks before the show's production workshop in May 2001.

The story is set off the beaten path, in a town in Wisconsin surrounded by forest. It's the kind of place, the locals say, that's good for leaving. For newcomer Percy, mov-

ing to the little town of Gilead and working at the old rundown diner offers her an escape from sorrow and the chance to start again. Despite her sincere efforts at friendship and determination to make good, she faces the headwinds of small-town gossip and suspicion. Will she ever fit in with these people, who seem so preoccupied with their own troubles?



Photo courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre

her greatest ally. And Percy finds another friend in Shelby, played with quiet strength by Larissa Klinger, who helps out at the grill. Cory Cunningham delivers a solid performance as the low-key sheriff Joe. He hangs around the place, at first to keep an eye on Percy and make sure she stays out of trouble, and later for more personal reasons. Shelby's distrustful, controlling husband Caleb is effectively portrayed by Dan Fenaughty. Kim Rachele Harris is appropriately irri-

Emily Hadick as Percy projects a sensitive wariness shaded with hope for better things, and just a

touch of stubbornness. Her exquisite voice is well-suited for the music. The grill's crotchety owner Hannah, played with feisty warmth by Mary Robin Roth, soon becomes

tating as the town's chief "Postmistress" and rumormonger, Effy. A mysterious, silent stranger (Michael Brian Ogden) makes nightly visits. Their lives will be forever changed by having Percy in their midst.

Sure-footed direction and straightforward storytelling by Travis Walter and an evocative set design by Kristen Gribbin lend an intimate, cozy feel to the show. The graceful musical score, a combination of bluesy folk and country-style ballads, is performed by the cast and accompanied by the excellent five-piece band led by Jeffrey Campos. Memorable numbers include: "Come Alive Again," "Colors of Paradise," "Shoot the Moon" and "Wild Bird." The ensemble cast has some thrilling harmonies and outstanding vocals throughout the show.

True, there is no crackling dramatic tension or rip-roaring laughter. Just a gently pleasing show, with some interesting plot twists and surprises in store. And music that will get under your skin.

"Spitfire Grill" runs now through March 10 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. Tickets start at \$36 and can be purchased by calling 248-377-3300 or by visiting mbtheatre.com/.

Rochester Hills Public Library Receives Donation to Revitalize Youth Room

The Rochester Hills Public Library has a reimagined youth area thanks to a donation from Rochester residents, former Chrysler CEO Tom LaSorda and his wife Doreen.

The Explore Area features hands-on activities to promote practices of early literacy, including reading, writing, talking, singing, and playing. Activities include a crawl through a tunnel,



“The support from the LaSordas is very meaningful,” Library Director Christine Lind Hage said in a press release. “The redesign provides a comfortable place for elementary-aged children to read and study, advancing our mission to serve as a community town square.”

The new space has Alice in Wonderland themed furniture, an elaborate 11-foot-tall tree, and a new Infant and Toddler Explore Area.

“This is the perfect place for our youngest patrons – ages two and under – to play and discover their world,” Youth Services Manager Betsy Raczowski said about the new infant and toddler area in a press release. “Research has shown that young children learn and develop through play. You might say that play is a young child’s work.”

spinning gears, chimes, mirrors, peek-a-boo windows, different textured surfaces, a climbing area, and an infant-sized bookshelf.

Previously, the library didn’t have a designated space for toddlers and infants in their Explore Zone. Raczowski said the new area filled that need.

Youth Services Librarian Kim Gardner is creating a mural to complete the Alice in Wonderland inspired space. A dedication reception will be held this spring.

“An updated Youth Room and new Explore Area is a crucial component in helping librarians and caregivers lay the foundation for reading,” Doreen LaSorda said in a press release. “We are happy to be able to help provide our library with the tools they need to continue offering their incredible services.”

Paint Creek Center for the Arts Interactive Exhibit Invites Viewers to Share Emotion

The soft clink of marbles can be heard in the Paint Creek Center for the Arts as part of the new interactive addition to the Palette and Brush Exhibition.

Visitors are invited to carry cup of marbles through the exhibition, and whenever a piece moves them, they select a marble that corresponds to their emotion an place in a clear tube next to the piece of art. A red marble means the viewer feels excited, orange means sad, green means happy, blue means calm, and clear means curious.

“We love hearing the clinking of the marbles dropping into the tubes, knowing that our visitors are interacting with artwork and

sharing their emotional responses with other visitors,” Elizabeth Chilton, Executive Director at Paint Creek Center for the Arts said in a press release.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts is dedicated to helping people in the area explore, experience and share their creativity through art classes, exhibits, community projects, and the Art & Apples Festival. This interactive exhibit is free and open to the public through March 9. The second-floor gallery is located in Paint Creek Center for the Arts’ historic building at 407 Pine Street in Rochester. To learn more about the center or to see the gallery’s hours, visit pccart.org/.

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Home & Garden

Garden Club Covers the Inside Scoop on Soils

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by
ROCHESTER GARDEN CLUB

Gardeners love nothing more than to stroll through gardens and admire all the gorgeous plants. But it is very easy to overlook the most important part of the garden, its soils.

People often assume that all soils are pretty much the same, but that is not the case at all. Soil composition and structure varies across the state of Michigan, across Oakland County, across the Rochester area and even within a backyard.

On a large scale, the glaciers that swept across Michigan many thousands of years ago scrambled the soils that had formed over the eons. On the local level, builders in the area have removed and sold top soils and dug up and spread heavy clays

from basement foundations in yards around town. Soils are a puzzle indeed.

Soils are important for many reasons. It holds plants in place and provides the structure to hold water and nutrients, so plant roots can extract what they need to flourish. Soils are composed of mineral solids, organic matter, and air pockets. The mineral solids, basically tiny rocks, are classified by size of the particles. Sandy soil has the largest mineral particles, followed by silt and then clay.

The organic matter found in soil is the decomposing material from leaves, grass, and any other once-living organism. The air pockets in soil provide space for water and air that are vital for the roots to feed the plant. According to the MSU Extension, the perfect proportion for these components are 45% mineral, 25% water, 25% air and 5% organic materials.

It would come as no surprise to a gardener to learn that certain plants thrive in certain soils. To become a successful gardener, it

is important to understand the soil characteristics of your garden so you can select the proper plants.

The best way to learn about your soil is to have a soil test performed. MSU Extension offers homeowners a simple way to do this. Your results will let you know the soil composition, the acidity of the soil (pH), and what nutrients and fertilizers your soils may need for optimal growth. Details can be found at homesoil-test.mse.edu/.

There are also simple do-it-yourself soil pH kits available at any nursery. While these results are not as detailed as the soil test kit, it is a good place to begin. When gardening season begins in just a few short weeks, be sure to pay attention to the foundation of the garden, its soils.

Rochester Garden Club will host a "Beautiful Tables, Beautiful Gardens" presentation on Tuesday, March 26 at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Learn more at rochestergardenclub.org/.

A Lockbox that Makes Showing Homes Safer and More Efficient

HOME MATTERS



by
PAULA REA,
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Downtown Rochester Eligible for "Spirit of Main Street" Startup Grants

Rochester is one of the 16 Main Street Oakland County downtowns that are eligible to apply for up to \$2,500 in grant money to support the attraction, retention, and growth of small businesses in their downtowns.

The grants, called the Spirit of Main Street Micro Business Grants, are made available through a partnership between Main Street Oakland County and Genisys Credit Union. Downtown areas have until April 30 to apply for the money which can be used to support the creation, relocation, or expansion of a micro business.

"Main Street Oakland County is one of our most successful programs, with Main Street downtowns generating more than \$837 million in public and private investment, creating more than 8,000 jobs and establishing 1,163 new businesses," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said.

President and CEO of Genisys Credit Union Jackie Buchanan said

that this is the second year of the partnership between the credit union and the county.

"Genisys Credit Union is always looking at ways to help improve the communities we serve," Buchanan said.

Oakland County is the first and only county in the United States to operate a full-service, county-wide Main Street program. It is available to the county's 32 historic downtowns, heritage corridors, and mixed-use urban centers. Last year, public and private investment in the program totaled more than \$50.2 million and resulted in the creations of new jobs and businesses.

Under the terms of the micro business grant, a minimum dollar-for-dollar match must be provided by the applicant. To learn more and find application forms, go to mainstreetoaklandcounty.com and click on the "Services and Trainings" tab. A second round of funding is planned for August.



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Gulf Stream Changes Could Spell Disaster

PERSPECTIVES



Op-Ed by
PETE MAURER

Nobody will argue that Mother Nature has been on a tear this winter. After a very cold November, December and January were rather mild, leading many to think that the predicted El Nino had shown up.

But El Nino was in hiding, refusing to show its head until February 15 when it became official. While we'll probably have a warmer-than-normal spring starting in the middle of March, we all endured that harrowing five-week stretch of weather.

Some people persist in their ongoing denial of anthropogenic global warming, unaware of the distinction between weather and climate.

But global warming is here, and since 1995, 95% of scientists agree that the majority of the warming is due to increased Co2 released while burning fossil fuels.

Our man made global climate change is not only real, but may result in a new, and potentially more damaging consequence.

Many of remember the movie The Day After Tomorrow, in which the world went into an Ice Age in a matter of days because of the Gulf Stream shifting south due to melting Greenland ice sheets.

Which brings us to James Hansen, the scientist who first proposed that the AMOC – Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation – was in danger. Otherwise known as the Gulf Stream, the AMOC is slowing down, 15% weaker than just a few years ago.

The theory is that if AMOC

slows down or is subverted further south due to cold, fresh water diving south from Greenland, Europe will no longer benefit from mild winters brought on by the warmer ocean waters.

But now, Hansen has released another report suggesting that it's not just melting Greenland glaciers that could imperil AMOC, but also global warming in general.

Although, as you might expect, there are scientists with opposing ideas, the gist of it isn't that they disagree on global warming and the impact on AMOC, but rather the mechanism and timing.

In fact, even more current research is concerned that we have underestimated the influence of global warming on AMOC's weakening, and shouldn't focus exclusively on Greenland melt. The warming of the atmosphere alone may weaken and disrupt AMOC without any additional influence of Greenland's cold melt-water.

New research involved computer models, in which the input of CO2 and fresh/salt water insertions into the North Atlantic were less conservative and more reflective of actual numbers. When the computer was done crunching the numbers, researchers were startled not only that the AMOC was dramatically slowing/moving south, but that it happened fast, a mere 200 'years' into the model.

Why is 200 years important? Because the parameters of the updated computer model used the year 1800 – the beginning of the Industrial Revolution – as its start point.

Another, less-frequently discussed side effect of a slowing AMOC is that models predict it will result in colder-than-normal winters for the eastern one-third of North America.

And if you stop and think about three of the past six winters,

Michiganders just might agree that something strange, indeed, is happening in the North Atlantic.

Email the author at Gazetteguy@yahoo.com or send a letter to the editor at Andrew@gazettegroup.com.

RCCB to Perform "Music from Across the Pond"

The Rochester Community Concert Band (RCCB) will perform "Music from Across the Pond" on Tuesday, March 12 at Stoney Creek High School.

Conductor and artistic director Paul F. DeRubeis will lead the band in celebrating some of Europe's most memorable musicians.

The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium at Stoney Creek, located at 6755 Sheldon Rd.

Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information, call 248-462,9043 or email rochestercommunityconcertband@gmail.com.

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Nothing Bundt Cakes Now Open in Rochester Hills

A new bundt-themed bake shop is now open in Rochester Hills and the community is invited to their weekend-long celebrations.

Nothing Bundt Cakes cuts the ribbon Thursday on their new location at 3074 Walton Blvd. Owners Kelly and Jerry Yurgo, and Wendy and William Kinney have close connections to the city of Rochester Hills and wanted to bring the concept they first discovered in Vegas to their community.

"It is so amazing to see people's reactions when they first taste our cakes," said Kelly. "Our cakes bring people together and allow them to connect, making every moment more special."

The community is invited to the grand opening events this weekend. On Friday, March 1, it's Shriners

Hospitals for Children Benefit Day, when 50% of sales will be donated to the organization.

On Saturday, March 2 starting at 10 a.m., try your luck at winning free Bundtlets for a year. The first 50 guests on this day will win free Bundtlets for a year (one per month for 12 months, one card per household). From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., it's a family fun day, so take the kids to enjoy face painting, balloon art, and samples of their cakes.

Nothing Bundt Cakes will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This newest bakery makes it the fourth in Michigan, the third Nothing Bundt Cakes in the Detroit market.

For more information, visit nothingbundtcakes.com/.