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Oakland County news: Room rate climbs at county jail

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PONTIAC: Room rate climbs at county jail

The daily room rate at the Oakland County Jail is going up. Last week, Oakland County commissioners approved an increase in the rate the sheriff charges to house prisoners from outside the county. Beginning Jan. 1, the rate will rise from \$99.64 per day to \$105.26. Local governments within the county don't have to pay. Commissioners said the rate increase was needed to keep up with rising costs.

FARMINGTON: Root beer summit on race, diversity planned

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Multiracial Community Council is to host on Tuesday what organizers have dubbed a root beer summit on race and diversity.

The event, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Maxfield Training Center, 33000 Thomas St., is to promote discussions on the subjects. The event is modeled after the beer summit held earlier this year by President Barack Obama between Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Cambridge, Mass., Police Sgt. James Crowley after Crowley arrested Gates for disorderly conduct -- igniting a debate over race.

At the Farmington root beer event, participants are to gather with trained facilitators after watching a video.

The event is free. For information, call Karen Bolsen, the council's executive director, anytime at 248-871-2512.

ROCHESTER HILLS: Free program to help girls cope with adversity

Rochester Area Youth Assistance plans to hold a free, 4-week program starting this month for girls to discuss dealing with bullying, gossip and peer pressure.

The program, "Girls Stand Strong," is for girls ages 11 to 15.

The first session is to be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Rochester Area Youth Assistance office, 3200 W. Tienken in Rochester Hills.

Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 248-656-3558, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

LYON TOWNSHIP: Section of Grand River to be closed for repairs

Grand River Avenue is to be closed Wednesday and Thursday between Milford and South Hill roads, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County.

The township is to complete paving of a roundabout under construction at the intersection of Grand River and Lyon Ring Road, just east of Milford Road. The detour is Milford Road to Pontiac Trail to Wixom Road and back to Grand River.
