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Scooter and cycles:

Youngsters on parade participate in Sunday's Swedish Days conclusion. *Al Benson photo*



Fireworks in Carpentersville Saturday at the Meadowdale Shopping Center start the crackling festivities for Fourth of July Independence Day celebrations. *Carrie Hayes photo*

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A visit to the empty building which was a Kmart in Montgomery was part of the commercial and retail tour Thursday, June 25. The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation sponsored a bus tour to 24 sites, some with observations only from the outside. See page 30.

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Associate planner Ezekiel Guza, left, and other Pace officials unveil proposed Aurora area bus-route changes at the Richard and Gina Santori Aurora Public Library of Aurora Thursday, June 25. Pace, suburban bus service of the Regional Transportation Authority, gave details on adjustments and enhancements at the third of four public forums. Increased service frequency to every 30 minutes for most routes and running evening service to 8 p.m. weekdays on all routes, were included. See page 31.

Al Benson photo

Commercial property bus tour views available sites in Montgomery

The Village of Montgomery and Montgomery Economic Development Corporation sponsored a commercial property bus tour Thursday, June 25 for approximately 12 realtors, agents, and reporters.

The bus drove past approximately 24 locations and stopped at three buildings. The first stop was at the former Elmer's Restaurant on Route 25 near the Montgomery Bridge.

There was a stop at the former Kmart on Douglas Road near U.S. Route 30 which is a building with 86,000 square feet (See page 1).

The third stop was at Gray's Mill at 211 N. River Street near the Montgomery Bridge over the Fox River.

Brian Dolan, from Dolan & Murphy, a commercial real estate com-

pany, who was on the bus tour, said about Charlene Coulumbe-Fiore, executive director of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Rich Young, director of community development, "They're a tremendous team for Montgomery.

"We've seen a lot of positive vibes from the development community since Char has been here. Then Rich came after that.

"I've always considered Rich the top in his field. When I heard we got him from Sugar Grove, I was extremely happy.

"We're really strong now."

The tour took three hours and prices were discussed at some of the sites.

—Jason Crane

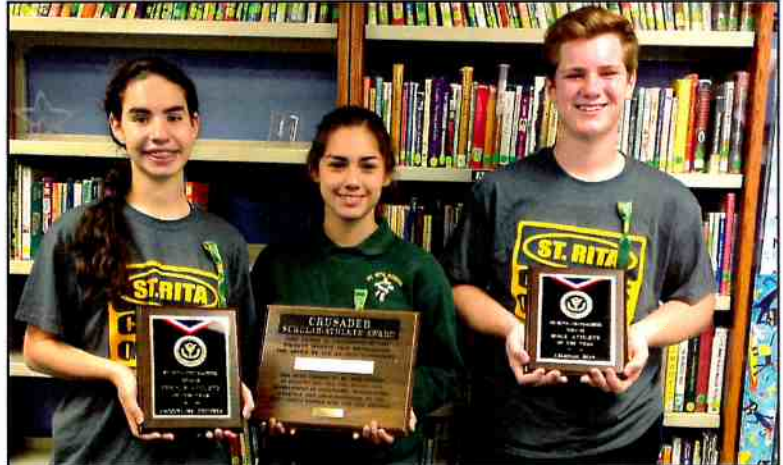
Rich Young, director of community development for Montgomery, stands at the front of the bus Thursday, June 25, to inform riders on a commercial property about some of the sites they will see of available properties. Among the stops were the former Elmer's Restaurant, Gray's Mill, and the former Kmart on Douglas.

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Kiwanis Club of Aurora president Cheryl Vonhoff presents a mug to guest speaker Mike Pfeiffer of the Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for his talk at the Prisco Center Tuesday. See page 21.

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St. Rita of Cascia School, Aurora Class of 2015 eighth grade graduates receive recognition for their achievements in athletics. From left, Jacqueline Fechner, Top Female Athlete; Mily Rubio, the Crusader Scholar Athlete Award recipient and Charlie May, Top Male Athlete.

Submitted photo

Ring the bells in Aurora Fourth of July tradition from page 14

in downtown Aurora. The presentation will take place just before the bell-ringing which is precisely timed to coincide with other bells across the nation.

"We want to recognize the many efforts of our Historical Society to preserve the American story as it was lived in Aurora," said Legion Post 84 Commander Mike Eckburg.

The museum grounds will be buzzing with activ-

ity from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The Windy City Wizard magician will bring old-fashioned flim-flammery, and the high-energy bluegrass/folk band Hudson Crossing will entertain. A petting zoo and children's activities will entertain the young ones. The Tanner House Museum will be open for touring and will feature a display of the artifacts unearthed in last year's privy dig. An old-fashioned pie-eating contest will end the day. Picnic fare will

be available for purchase.

The event is free, thanks to the sponsorship of alderman-at-large Bob O'Connor, 6th Ward alderman Mike Saville, and 2nd Ward alderman Juany Garza.

More information about the Tanner House is available at aurorahistory.net or on Facebook at facebook.com/aurorahistory.

—Aurora Historical Society

Lilly Nowak of Geneva: Talented from page 25

and the Geneva Park District congratulates Lilly Nowak and thanks all the talented contestants. We appreciate all the judges and our emcees who contributed to this great community event.

"We look forward to seeing even

more talent audition for the 2016 Geneva's Got Talent. This event was exciting and a great way to bring the community together for free summer fun," said Traci Wicks, director of marketing and public relations for

Geneva Park District.

Geneva's Got Talent is a collaboration between the Geneva Park District and the Geneva Chamber of Commerce. It was part of the 2015 Swedish Days Festival presented by

Northwestern Medicine. For more information about Geneva Chamber of Commerce visit genevachamber.com or about the Geneva Park District, please visit genevaparks.org

—Geneva Park District