**NEW BUSINESS**

*From Hoosier Times reports*

**LOCAL BUSINESS**

**NEW FACES**

Monroe County YMCA promotes Rommel

Lori Rommel, a Monroe County YMCA staff member with more than 15 years of experience in program administration services, was recently promoted to development associate.

Anderson joins Weichert Realtors

Heather L. Anderson to Bloomington office. The Owens Group is an independently-owned and operated office of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

BKD Bloomington hires Pratt

Sara Pratt, graduate of Indiana University — Bloomington, was recently hired at the BKD Bloomington office as an administrative assistant.

**RECOGNITION**

Means certified as CACFP professional

This designation identifies those in the CACFP profession that are committed to continually learning best practices. Means earned this certification by attending additional training and workshops on the CACFP program.

Krust celebrates 40 years at bank

Local owned and operated, The Peoples State Bank recently congratulated Susie Knust, SVP, Consumer Loan Manager on her 40th year at the bank. Knust has been with the bank as it has grown from two branches to 40 locations. Knust works at the Ellettsville branch.

Remax’s Warden earns annual award

Jeff Warden, with Remax Real Professionals, recently earned the 2016 RE/MAX Platinum Club Award. The award honors agents for their financial achievements in selling real estate.

**FURNITURE WITH FEELING**

Stosi Design and Build creates new line of tactile furniture

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AUDI CULVER AND IVY SIOSI, co-owners of Siosi Design and Build, in an email about their tactile furniture line.

*From HeraldTimesOnline.com*

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Siosi Design’s new line of tactile furniture serves a variety of purposes, from helping a child develop cognitive and motor skills to releasing the anxieties of college students before taking a semester final.

“Everyone is a little dysfunctional and needs something to fidget with,” Siosi said. “It just feels good.”

The scientific articles that led Culver and Siosi to the idea addressed the benefit of tactile stimulation for Alzheimer’s and autism, showing active tactile stimulation lowered subjects’ overall discomfort and fidgeting body language.

Culver and Siosi said that despite being the first touch are under-investigated.

**MOVIES**

Find out what’s playing this weekend. **PAGE D5**

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we physically touch something, our nerve endings send signals to our brain that hold tons of information,” Siosi Design claims tactile stimulation can help with short- and long-term memory, general mood, socialization, concentration, thresholds, circulation in extremities, motor skills, cognitive performance, and extremities, motor skills, cognitive performance, and general mood.

Despite having limited classical training, Culver and Siosi have quickly taken their brand of metal and woodworking—as well as photography—from a former RCA box factory with no air conditioning, to a 600-square-foot shop in Upland’s Wood Shop actually helped start the tactile stimulation line. The door was designed in February, and it sold a week later. The social media reactions they’ve seen indicate the concept will continue to grow.

“Ivy (Siosi) has an engineer’s mind,” Culver said. “She’s a problem-solver. She can figure anything out.”

“Audi makes everything well,” Siosi said. “She’s the conductor of the train.”

Millennials want houses in the suburbs after all, new studies find

By Phillip Molnar
The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — 25-year-old Bre Hanstad wants a home. For now the pre-service veterinary medicine major rents a one-bedroom apartment in San Diego’s South Park neighborhood with her boyfriend, but only because their income is too low for them to buy a house.

When the time comes, they have little interest in the hundreds of condos being built in downtown San Diego — or in condos anywhere else, for that matter.

“We definitely want a house,” because we want to have dogs,” she said. “And kids someday.”

Hanstad’s hopes aren’t far off from her peers’. A recently released pair of studies suggest that the majority of millennials — the oldest of whom are about 35 — want to live in the suburbs, have already started buying outside urban areas, and base their home-buying decisions mainly on affordability.

Reports by Zillow and Harvard University break with stereotypes of America’s largest generation, namely that they prefer to rent because they favor experiences over building equity and want to live in urban environments.

Millenials make up about 30 percent of the nation’s homeowners. Nearly half of those were in the suburbs in 2016, 35 percent in rural places, said Zillow’s Group Report on Consumer Housing Trends. The report used U.S. census data and a Zillow survey of more than 100,000 homebuyers, sellers, renters and owners.

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Controversy surrounds the brand of metal classical training, Culver said. Practically, Culver handles Siosi Design’s photography and much of the build- ing, while Siosi works on fabrication and detail work. Projects vary from crafted boxes and arrows to zinc handles to rebuild motorcycles to high-end furniture with wood sourced from the Culver family’s property in northern Indiana.

Their work can be found across Blooming- ton’s Secretly Cana- dian recording company in its private client, with Siosi saying nearly every table at the company’s downtown office is a Siosi Design piece.

Loren Wood Builders has a conference table with three of millennial buyers who moved in the last year, 64 percent stayed in the same city and just 7 percent moved to a different state, the Zillow study said. The Harvard study by its Joint Center for Housing Studies — which used data from the census — found most millennials were more likely to associate homeownership with the American dream than Generation X and baby boomers were.

But nationally, homeownership isn’t looking too great for millennials, compared with past generations. In 2015, the homeownership rate for the under 35-year-old population hit an all-time low of 39 percent, according to the census. That’s down from 43 percent in 2005, the Harvard study said.

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