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Family in need

Donations being taken for house fire victims

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE—A GoFundMe page has been set up to help a local family that lost its house and all of its belongings in a house fire last week.

The Suarez family, which includes husband and wife, Joe and Haley, and their two daughters, Mackenna and Lauren, lost its home and everything inside when its house caught fire. The fire occurred around 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27.

While nobody was injured during the fire, the family is now forced to completely start over. The Suarez family is currently staying at the Comfort Inn in Rochelle while the insurance company works out a solution to help them.

A GoFundMe has been set up by family friend Samantha Heffron to help raise funds and take donations of clothes and children's toys. The GoFundMe is accepting money donations as well as extra-large men's shirts, 33-by-34 sized men's pants, medium-



The Suarez family

sized women's shirts and 3-5 sized women's pants. Clothing for their daughters should be purchased in girls sizes 3T and 5T/6T.

The page can be reached at https://www.gofundme.com/f/suarez-family-house-fire?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=pcf+share-flow-1. Monetary donations can be done directly through the

page, but Heffron must be contacted at 630-347-6454 to coordinate clothing and toy donations.

"This GoFundMe is so helpful to us and all of the funds are going toward day-to-day necessities for our family," Haley Suarez said. "Our girls need new clothes and a new bed and Joe and I need both new clothes and a new bed too."

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Local business gets 'mobbed'

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
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ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle, in partnership with the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and Rochelle Retail Advisory Board, hosted its second cash mob Friday morning.

Attendees gathered in the parking lot just north of Rochelle City Hall on Friday, Aug. 28 at 11:30 a.m. before walking to a downtown business. Many local businesses were written down on pieces of paper and one was chosen from a jar for everybody to mob.

The business chosen for this mob was The Artists' Garden and attendees were encouraged to bring between \$10-20 to spend during the event. Since the first cash mob was such a success, the city was very excited to host its second.

"Our first mob was awesome, we had lots of sweet blessings and WREX television even came out to cover it," community development



A group of shoppers took part in the second Cash Mob on Friday. This Cash Mob visited The Artists' Garden in downtown Rochelle.

director Michelle Pease said. "We had at least 20 people who came out and it went so well, we are very excited to host our second one today."

The second cash mob also saw a very good community turnout, with between 15 and 20 individuals showing their support. The city plans on continuing to host its cash mobs as long as people continue attending.

"I would really like to get through all of the

businesses inside this jar," Pease said. "Then, the goal would be to move onto mobbing restaurants. The city will continue to host these events as long as the community continues its support."

Many businesses, including The Artists' Garden in Rochelle, have been hit hard by COVID-19. It was forced to close down in March and was not able to reopen until three weeks ago. It is also currently unable to host paint

nights inside due to social distancing guidelines and the lack of space.

"COVID-19 and its forced closures have had a very big impact on us and that is why this event is so helpful," said Teresa Petry, owner of The Artists' Garden. "There are no words that can express how thankful I am, this is the greatest idea ever and I hope the city continues it forever."

The Artists' Garden is now open to the public



Low oxygen levels, plankton cause of fish kill

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE—Local residents have reported seeing dead fish floating in the water and along the banks of Lake Sule in Rochelle, but the park district says there is no need to be concerned.

Two residents called into the Rochelle News-Leader office Monday morning to report fish of all kinds floating all around Lake Sule and along its banks. One woman went to the lake to go fishing and was totally shocked when she saw the lake full of floating, bloated dead fish.

The other caller said he drove from out of town to the lake, since he had heard from others that it was a great fishing spot. Upon arrival, he saw all of the dead fish and left without casting a single line. The Flag-Rochelle Community Park District executive director Jackee Ohlinger was contacted and said the dead fish are due to recent environmental conditions.

"This occurred about the same time last year and is nothing to be alarmed about," Ohlinger said. "It is due to low oxygen levels in the lake from low water levels and plankton bloom that doesn't allow the sunlight to penetrate into the water."

Lake Sule offers many different types of fish including bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, muskie, sunfish and walleye. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is responsible for stocking and maintaining Lake Sule and it has recently been notified about the dead fish.

and is in the middle of completing its expansion that will include many new amenities. The expansion will feature a painting barn to host group classes, Acres Bistro, a farm to table café with outdoor seating that will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a cocktail lounge in the basement that will have video gaming.

If all goes as planned, The Artists' Garden is hoping to complete its expansion within the next 30 to 40 days. It is also planning group painting classes that will be socially distanced and held outdoors this fall. Dates and times will be announced through its Facebook page when finalized.

"I am very happy to be back open to the public and appreciate all of the support from this community," Petry said. "I have my regulars that come, but one good thing about being in a small town is that it never gets too crowded in here."

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Auction company expanding services

Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co. now includes complete brokerage division

ROCHELLE —Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co., which has been providing complete live and on-line auction services since 1975, will be expanding its services to include a complete brokerage service division effective Sept. 1.

Whether buying or selling, the complete Real Estate Brokerage will include residential, commercial and agricultural land. The location, 361 W. State Route 38 in Rochelle, has not changed. The brokerage's focus will be to continue the professional service you have known over the past 25 years since opening the first Bearrows office in downtown Rochelle in 1995.

The staff and agents at Bearrows Real Estate & Auction



Co. look forward to providing brokerage services that will be focused on the details and customer service. Owners are John and Dina Bearrows, and John will be the managing broker while Debra Hansen will be the administrative assistant. Local ownership, local management and local agents is how this change will be beneficial to everyone that they work with.

"I am extremely excited and look forward to the times ahead for everyone at Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co.," John Bearrows said.

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John Bearrows

License expiration extension for seniors announced

New deadline set for one year from current 2020 date

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration date for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older has been extended for a period of one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date.

As a result, drivers age 75 and older with a 2020 driver's license expiration date do not need to visit a facility to renew their driver's license until shortly before their birthday in 2021.

"I am mindful of the heightened risks associated with seniors contracting COVID-19, and that is why I have authorized this important change during this challenging and unique time," said White.

There are approximately 147,000 drivers age 75 and over with expired or expiring driver's licenses in 2020. Letters are being sent to drivers that qualify for this extension. The letter should be kept with the qualifying driver as further proof of the one-year extension. In addition, driving records on the Secretary of State's computer system have been updated to show the new 2021 expiration dates for qualified drivers, and law enforcement agencies both state and nationwide have been notified of the extended expiration dates.

In addition to being 75 of age or older, the driver must have a valid license; drivers who

are suspended or revoked do not qualify for the one-year extension.

White is reminding all other drivers that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1 so customers under age 75 do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, these customers are

asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services — such as renewing license plate stickers — from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Illinois law gives the Illinois Secretary of State the authority to extend driver's license expiration dates by up to one year.

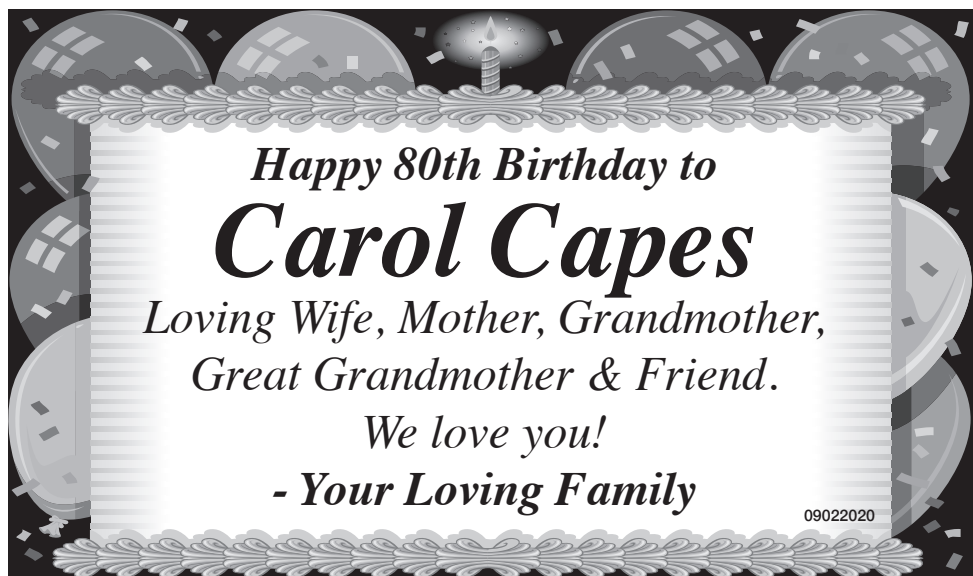


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LOCAL NEWS

Dedication, ordinance top village agenda

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

CRESTON – During the monthly board meeting, Creston village trustee Greg Hopkins stood in as village president for Wayne Williams.

The meeting began with village inspector Casper Manheim informing board members that the Moose Knuckle Bar and Grill is expected to be open next week for drinks and bar snacks. The kitchen will not yet be open, as more work still needs to be completed on the exhaust hood.



Creston Village Trustee Greg Hopkins served as President Pro Tem at the monthly village board meeting Tuesday night.

The next item on the agenda was discussing what the village would like to do as a dedica-

tion to William Heal, founding member of the Creston Booster Club and a prominent member in the community. The village has discussed ideas such as a plaque on the inside of the village hall, as well as a bench placed at Booster Park. The board asked son, Jason Heal, and daughter, Jan Heal, to attend the meeting to help share their thoughts as well.

"We knew we wanted to have something dedicated to him, whether that be a bench, a plaque or anything like that," Jan said.

"You can put his name

anywhere in this town and dad had a part in it, he was involved in it all," Jason Heal said.

Board members Tom Byro and the Heal family will work together on the dedication project.

The next item on the agenda was reviewing the new golf cart ordinance before a decision is made at next month's meeting.

"I just wanted to have the board consider the UTVs and other vehicles that are being allowed in other communities," village clerk Deanne Haub said. "It has been 10 years since it has been updated."

The final item of discussion was the upcoming 2021 election. The village president, village clerk and village trustees Curt Ward, Steve Katzman and Mike Misch are up for election. The county clerk does not currently have all the documents ready yet, but they will be available online by Sept. 22. Following that date, members running for election can begin gathering signatures which are due by Dec. 14. The village clerk will post information on the village Facebook and website when everything is ready.

Blood center begins testing donations for COVID-19 antibodies

ROCKFORD — The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC) will test all successfully donated units of blood for COVID-19 antibodies starting today to see if blood donors can help others diagnosed with coronavirus by donating convalescent plasma (CCP). The antibody test will be included with other standard tests performed on donated blood. COVID-19 antibody testing will not be done for those who are deferred or on units that were donated before Aug. 31.

"We are happy to begin antibody testing, as we hope it will help us identify potential convalescent plasma donors," said Heidi Ognibene, the blood center's director of operations. "We encourage individuals to schedule an appointment at one of our donor centers or a blood drive. If your antibody test comes back positive, you can help more local people by also donating convalescent plasma for someone hospitalized with COVID-19."

An antibody test is used to determine if someone has been exposed to the virus and developed an immune response. This type of test is not a diagnostic test and will not be used to determine if someone is currently infected. Test results will be available seven to ten days after the donation. Donors with positive test results will be contacted by

the blood center to determine if they can make a convalescent plasma donation.

Convalescent plasma is currently being collected from recovered patients and administered to people hospitalized with COVID-19. Donors must meet the requirements to donate blood (be in general good health and weigh at least 110 pounds).

Appointments are still preferred and encouraged, but walk-ins will be welcomed as long as donor centers and blood drives can comply with social distancing requirements. Schedule a donation at rrvbc.org, on the myRRVBC app or by calling 815-965-8751.

About Rock River Valley Blood Center

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BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
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ROCHELLE – The Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K is asking the community for its support during its upcoming annual Peanut Days.

This year's Peanut Days will take place on Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12 at the post office downtown, Walgreens and Stock and Field. Golden K representatives will be set up taking any amount of donations from community members in exchange for a bag of Planters peanuts.

"We would be glad to give a bag of peanuts to anybody that is around," said Bill Paulin, Golden K treasurer and Peanut Days co-chair. "Even if they cannot afford to donate, we would still be glad to give them a bag of peanuts."

Golden K has been hosting Peanut Days



since its origin in 1951, when two Golden K members were enjoying peanuts at a Cubs game together. While eating, the two members thought to themselves that they could buy bags of peanuts and sell them as a fundraiser.

Since then, Peanut Days has become an annual fundraising event for many Golden K organizations throughout the country. The motto of the Golden K is helping the children of the world, specifically within its own community.

The Rochelle Golden K helps by awarding scholarships and funding many local children's organizations including Little League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Focus House and HOPE of Ogle County just to name a few. All of the

funds earned throughout Peanut Days will be donated to these organizations. With the effects of COVID-19, this year is more important than ever.

"A couple of our big fundraising events had to be cancelled this year due to the virus," Paulin said. "So we are depending on this to tide us over and help us continue the support of those organizations."

The Golden K is also planning more Hot Dog Days in the near future and more information and dates will be released when finalized. Anybody that would like to donate to the golden K other than through its Peanut Days can do so by mail at Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K, P.O. Box 644, Rochelle, IL 61068.

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Bill Paulin



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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Ira “Ike” Clue

ROCHELLE — Ira “Ike” J. Clue, 94, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 at his home with his family at his side.

Arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. An online guest book is available at www.UngerHorner.com.

Man arrested by state police following traffic stop

On Aug. 29 at approximately 12:08 a.m., an Illinois State Police Trooper stopped a vehicle on Ninth Street at Seventh Avenue in Rochelle for improper lane usage.

During the traffic stop investigation, the trooper learned the driver, Prescott V. Piatz, 27, of Rochelle, had a revoked Illinois driver’s license. Through further investigation, the trooper determined Piatz, was also operating a motor vehicle while impaired, and was in possession of illegal drugs and illegal drug paraphernalia.

Piatz was arrested and charged with driving while license revoked, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of cannabis, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and improper lane usage.

Piatz was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

HELP: Fund set up for Suarez family

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The Suarez family is very thankful for all of the help and support it has received from the entire community. The family has only lived in Rochelle for two years and has not gotten to know many people during that time, but the amount of community support makes the family feel as if it has spent its entire life in Rochelle.

“It has been great seeing the entire community wrap its arms around us without even knowing us, everyone is so willing to help,” Suarez said. “There are so many people that have come forward to donate clothes, money and all kinds of things. There have also been so many people that have come up to us to tell us they are thinking of us. I would just like to give a big thank you to everybody that has shown their support and helped our family during these tough times.”



Firefighters responded to a call at the Suarez home, 1213 1st Ave. in Rochelle, for a fire. (News-Leader file photo)

Officers make DUI arrest

On Aug. 28 at 11:22 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Michelle R. Glosser, 50, of Rochelle, for two counts of improper lane usage, disobeying a stop sign and DUI. She posted an I-Bond and her driver’s license. Her court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 28 at 10:48 a.m., Rochelle police arrested David C. Kmiec, 39, of Rochelle, for failure to give information. He posted

I-Bond. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 29 at 12:49 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Jacqueline S. Isaacson, 19, of Belvidere, for speeding. She posted I-Bond. Her court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 29 at 10:15 a.m., Rochelle police arrested Eugenu Catrinesu, 35, of Hanover Park, for speeding. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for

Oct. 2.

On Aug. 29 at 10:18 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Teresa Marie Ortiz, 50, of Ashton, for disobeying a stop sign. She posted I-Bond. Her court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 29 at 10:49 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Rashaun L. Mctizic, 26, of Rockford, on a Stephenson County warrant. He was transported to jail.

On Aug. 30 at 12:50 a.m. Rochelle police arrested Nathaniel T. Wooten, 43, of Rochelle, for battery. He posted I-Bond. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 30 at 1 p.m., Rochelle police cited Micheal L. Dance, 30, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, for improper backing. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 31 at 8:16 a.m., Rochelle police cited James Rosenbery, 23, of Rochelle, for speeding in a school zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Oct. 2.

On Aug. 31 at 10:52 p.m. Rochelle police arrested Melvin V. Williams, 40, of Rochelle, for domestic battery. He was transported to jail.

Deputies make warrant arrests

On Aug. 28, the following individuals were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Stacey Bielema was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Bielema has a full cash bond of \$1,672.77 and was scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 31 at 1 p.m.

Trisha Dempewolf was arrested for an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Dempewolf has a full cash bond of \$4,124.00 and was scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 31 at 1 p.m.

On Aug. 28, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested Erika Senatré, 29, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Senatré was arrested by Ogle County Sheriff deputies on Illinois Route 251 after being stopped for speeding. Senatré was released on a I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

On Aug. 29, Ogle County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to Sledgehammers Pub at 1450 N. Illinois Route 2 for a noise complaint of loud music. After a brief investigation, Ogle County Sheriff deputies arrested pub manager Melissa Wall for disorderly conduct. Wall was released on an I-Bond and will appear in court at a later date.

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Report policy

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STATE NEWS

IDPH voting guidance specifies social distancing, recommends masks

Illinois' vote-by-mail requests shatter previous record set two years ago

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health has released in-person voting guidelines for election authorities to curb the spread of COVID-19 this year.

Changes announced last week include moving polling locations from senior living facilities, maintaining social distancing for voters and workers, creating outdoor spaces for citizens to wait and swapping communal items for single-use ones.

Those rules also apply to early voting, which varies depending on local rules but generally begins Sept. 24 and runs through Nov. 2 — the day before Election Day.

"While the safest way to cast a ballot this year is by voting by mail, we are and will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that Illinoisans can exercise their right to vote



in person, in the safest possible environments during this COVID-19 pandemic," Dr. Ngozi Ezike, IDPH director, said in a written statement.

According to Illinois law, individual county clerks are obligated to comply with the department's rules as well as produce their own plans to minimize potential COVID-19 infections. Officials should specify a disinfection procedure, configure booths and

tables for social distancing and display signs specifying a face covering should be worn.

While masks will be provided at locations statewide, "election authorities are prohibited from preventing a noncompliant voter from casting a ballot for refusal to wear a face covering outside or inside a polling place," the health department's guidance specifies.

Poll workers are also barred

from screening citizens for COVID-19.

Those who refuse to wear a face covering "should" be separated from those who are complying with the recommendation, the department added.

Voters can expect to see polling locations more spread out than in years past, with barriers separating them from workers, designated entrance- and exit-only doorways and signs on the ground indicating a six-foot separation between those waiting in line.

Some busy polling locations might also have assigned workers to instruct citizens to wait in their vehicles. Officials that are not expecting large in-person voter turnout might have curbside voting infrastructure.

At all locations, writing utensils and ballot covers will either be single-use or disinfected between voters. The health department is also instructing local election authorities to "consider not offering" stickers this year. The number of those opting to

vote in person this year is likely to be lower than average, as officials continue to encourage citizens to vote by mail.

"Voting by mail provides a safe, secure and convenient voting option for those concerned about COVID-19," Steve Sandvoss, Illinois State Board of Elections executive director, said in a written statement. "It also will help ease congestion at in-person polling places during early voting and on Election Day."

So far, more than 1.1 million Illinoisans have requested a mail ballot, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections, but that statistic is presumed to increase once the remaining 28 local election authorities disclose their data.

In 2018, approximately 430,000 citizens voted by mail and in 2016, that number was 370,000.

"We are encouraged by the strong response to the ongoing vote-by-mail effort," Sandvoss said in a statement.

Illinois Supreme Court issues temporary order limiting in-person court appearances

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Supreme Court announced late last week a temporary order which limits in-person court appearances and promotes remote court appearances to ensure the health and safety of the public accessing the court during the COVID-19 pandemic. The order is effective immediately and until further order of the court.

The temporary order addresses applications for waiver of court fees and summonses to appear in small claims and consumer cases.

"I would like to thank the Court Operations During COVID-19 Task Force for suggesting these important changes," Chief Justice Anne M. Burke said. "As the pandemic continues, the court will continue to seek innovative ways to limit in-person court appearances and promote remote court appearances."

Applications for Waiver of Court Fees will be e-filed unless the person is exempt under Supreme Court Rule 9(c). After the court reviews the Application, the court

will enter an order ruling on the Application on the basis of the information contained in the Application, without conducting a hearing, unless the court determines that there is a factual issue regarding the applicant's satisfaction of the conditions for a waiver.

"We know that there are a variety of ways that we compel people to enter the courthouse in person," said 17th Circuit Chief Judge Eugene Doherty, Vice Chair of the COVID-19 Task Force. "In light of our current public health concerns, we need to identify ways to accomplish the same things without the necessity of a personal appearance."

If there is a factual issue regarding the whether the applicant qualifies for a waiver, the court will schedule a hearing on the Application by telephone or video. If the applicant is denied a fee waiver, the applicant may defer payment, make installment payments, or make payment upon reasonable terms and conditions.

Additionally, under the temporary order, summons

requiring appearance on a specified day will only be used in an action for eviction, replevin, or detinue. Small claims and consumer actions will use a summons requiring each defendant to file an appearance within 30 days after service. The order specifies language that must be included in all small claims summonses to clarify that the defendant must file an appearance with the circuit clerk within 30 days after service of the summons. This will eliminate the requirement of an initial appearance while ensuring defendants are still required to appear in the matter in which they are summoned.

The order also details mandatory language that must be added to the all summonses in civil cases to provide recipients with easy access to important legal information about representing themselves in court, e-filing, finding free legal help, and applying for a waiver of court fees.

With this order, the court is responding to the crisis caused by COVID-19 and its impact on the administration of justice while ensuring the health and safety of the public.

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Guest column

New Pritzker lockdowns driven by politics over science

ILLINOIS Gov. J.B. Pritzker has repeatedly told residents his administration's response to COVID-19 has been driven entirely by science and data.

But Illinoisans just saw a glaring example of the politics of pandemic, with one area of the state being treated one way for hitting an 8 percent positive test rate and another area being treated much differently — twice.

On Aug. 18 Pritzker imposed new restrictions in the Metro East region as Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties exceeded an 8 percent positive test result rate for three days running. Indoor dining and bar service were still allowed, but the state imposed other restrictions such as 11 p.m. closing times, no standing at the bar and a reservation requirement.

The positivity rate still increased, with the latest 7-day rolling average just hitting 10 percent. As a result, even harsher restrictions were promised under the governor's rules. But they weren't delivered. And St. Clair County leaders took to social media to brag on their political coup:

"[Local Democratic state lawmakers] worked to combat the additional restrictions set to be imposed by the Illinois Dept of Public Health," they wrote.

"IDPH has agreed to monitor the progress without any additional mitigations for another week. Therefore, at this time there will be NO NEW MITIGATIONS imposed on bars and restaurants this Wednesday as previously expected. We thank them for their diligent efforts and we will provide additional information as it is received."

While local officials were touting the governor's lack of new restrictions in the Metro East starting Aug. 26, his administration imposed even harsher shutdown measures that same day in another part of the

state with similar COVID statistics.

Like the Metro East, Kankakee and Will counties also hit the mark of an 8 percent positivity rate for three days. But the governor imposed far harsher lockdown measures Aug. 26 on those Chicago collar counties, banning all indoor service at bars and restaurants.

The Republican lawmakers from that area cried foul.

"The governor has decided to place partisan politics above science," state Sens. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, and John Curran, R-Woodridge, said in a prepared statement. "As a result, Will and Kankakee counties will be forced to ban indoor dining while the Metro East (Region 4) will be given an extra week to improve their numbers. Why the double standard?"

"Because Democrat elected officials from that region pressured the Governor to change this stance," they said. "Backroom political deals should not be how public health decisions are made. The same rules should apply to all regions, and they should be based on science, not politics."

Pritzker admitted he made a mistake regarding the Metro East, which for COVID-19 measures has been designated Region 4. "Unintended," he said. "It was a mistake in my view ultimately to make the adjustment that we made in Region 4."

He noted Metro East mitigations have not been working, and said more restrictions are likely next week.

One take that's floated around Springfield on Pritzker's motivated scientific methods: the governor owes Metro East Democrats for his primary win and he vitally needs their support Nov. 3 for his "fair tax" ballot question.

Pritzker campaigned on the tax measure, so

far putting \$56.5 million of his own money into persuading voters it is a good idea. But it is far from certain he's convincing enough people. University of Illinois at Chicago political science Prof. Dick Simpson said Pritzker and tax proponents have a tougher job than the opponents.

"Not just the general circumstances with COVID, but also the burgeoning bribery allegations implicating Madigan and ComEd means the people's trust in state government is at a pretty low ebb," Simpson said. "Because it requires an affirmative vote, you're asking people to say, 'Yeah, I trust the state and I want them to have more money.'"

The plan also suffers statewide from Democratic leaders signaling retirement income would be a tax target if voters agree to give state lawmakers greater authority

to decide who gets taxed by how much. The Illinois Constitution restricts that power currently by ensuring everyone pays the same rate. Pritzker's plan also would raise taxes by up to 47 percent on over 100,000 small businesses — Illinois' most fertile source of jobs.

Both retirees and small businesses have already taken the brunt of the harm from COVID-19 and the economic downturn. Higher taxes would add insult to illness, but there is a warped consistency to Pritzker wanting to tax people differently based on his definition of the moment — just like he's willing to treat their health differently based on his definition of the moment.

Brad Weisenstein is editor at the Illinois Policy Institute. Brad wrote this column for The Center Square.



Brad Weisenstein

Letter to the Editor

Protect yourself and wear a mask

Dear Editor,
When I drive down the road, I expect people to drive safely. We all rely on that. Even when there are a group of cars slightly exceeding the speed limit on the interstate, we still are cautious drivers. Likewise, we need to be cautious with Covid-19.

My brother wears a mask and is super cautious but still caught Covid-19 from a coworker who wore a gaiter neck cloth (neck gaiters are too thin to keep the droplets in) who kept coughing all week long. My brother thinks he touched paperwork that had droplets on it then rubbed his eyes.

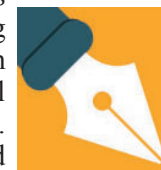
Here are symptoms my brother has had for over a week and he's still not out

of the woods: high fever, wicked headache that won't recede, rash on bottom of his feet causing blisters, chills, nausea, vomiting, severe diarrhea, intense coughing, lots of head and chest congestion, difficulty sleeping and foggy thinking.

Every single day. Every single symptom. The strain on the body is horrible.

This virus will eventually die out as the Spanish Flu, H1N1, SARS, etc. have done. Until it does, protect yourself, your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors, your coworkers. Wear the mask. Wash your hands. Stay safe.

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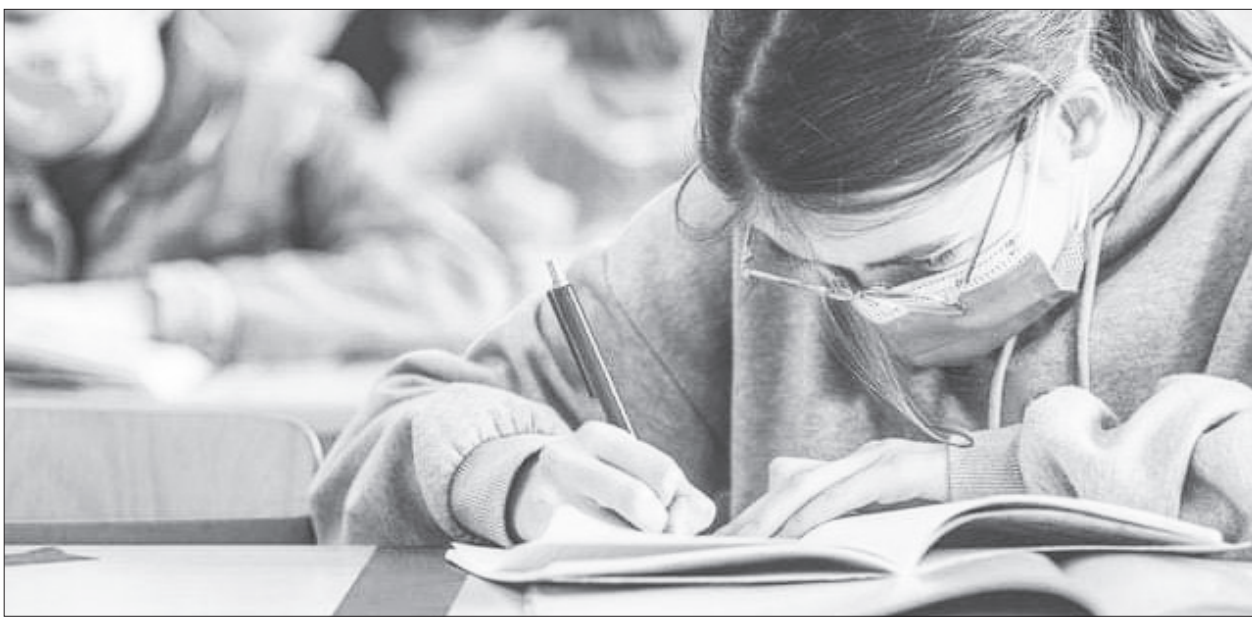
"My daughter's first week went great. I was a little nervous but the principal and staff at Lincoln Elementary made it so easy and fun and normal as possible for the kids. Thank you to all the teachers and principals and other staff members of the schools for all your hard work and dedication."

Tammy Gonzales

"My high school kids have emailed quite a few of their teachers and received quick responses and personal Zoom sessions. I feel that if students

feel they need help and are struggling they need to voice their concerns to their teachers and help themselves by seeking help. Especially in these different and difficult times teachers need help (teachers are not mind readers as much as we'd like them to be). I also have a fourth grader at Lincoln doing all online learning and his teachers are amazing trying to make an all-inclusive classroom setting and dealing with all the tech and problematic aspects that can arise."

Jackie Villatoro



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ON THE FARM

Genomes published for major agricultural weeds

URBANA – Representing some of the most troublesome agricultural weeds, waterhemp, smooth pigweed, and Palmer amaranth impact crop production systems across the U.S. and elsewhere with ripple effects felt by economies worldwide. In a landmark study, scientists have published the most comprehensive genome information to date for all three species, marking a new era of scientific discovery toward potential solutions.

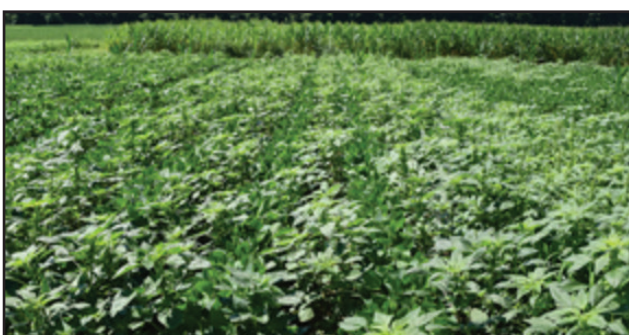
“These genome assemblies will greatly foster further research on these difficult weed species, including better understanding the ways in which they evade damage from herbicides,” says Pat Tranel, professor and associate head of the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois and co-author on the Genome Biology and Evolution study.

Draft genomes had already been published for waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, but techniques used in the Genome Biology and Evolution study provide a much clearer and richer picture of the species’ gene sequences, a requisite for many genomic studies.

All three genomes were assembled using advanced long-read sequencing, which maintains the integrity and continuity of the genome similar to the way large puzzle pieces provide a clearer picture of the whole than small pieces. In Palmer amaranth, an additional sequencing technology (chromatin conformation capture sequencing) was used to further order pieces of the genome that were assembled using the long-read information.

“The goal of any genome assembly is to reveal the complete arrangement of genes in the genome, broken into chromosome-sized fragments. Unfortunately, until recently, quality genome assemblies have been very labor intensive and expensive. The previously published draft genomes for these species reported the genome broken into thousands of pieces, while the assemblies we report are down to hundreds. The vast majority of the sequence is now assembled into very large fragments,” says Jacob Montgomery, a graduate student working with Tranel and first author on the study.

To further improve the assembly of the genomes



for waterhemp and smooth pigweed, the team used an innovative approach known as trio binning, developed in cattle. Not only had this technique never before been fully utilized in plants, it had also not been used with parents from different species.

In normal reproduction, male and female parents each contribute one copy of every gene to their offspring. In this case, offspring are diploid, meaning they have two copies of every gene. In the study, the team created hybrid offspring from two separate species: waterhemp and smooth pigweed. These offspring are still diploid, but the trio binning technique allowed the researchers to pull apart and isolate the two copies from each parent species, resulting in haploid (single copy) genomes for each.

“This approach resolved a problem in the previous waterhemp genome assembly. When parent alleles (copies of each gene) are very different from each other, as is often the case in outcrossing species such as waterhemp, the genome assembly program interprets them to be different genes,” Tranel says. “With only one allele from each species, we were able to obtain a much cleaner assembly of their gene sequences.”

Detlef Weigel, director of the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology and co-author on the study, adds, “I am a big fan of the new advanced sequencing techniques, but even though they should theoretically be sufficient to sort out the arrangement of genes, in practice they are not. This is where genetics can help

out, using information on whether genes were inherited from mom or dad. This allowed us to assign each gene to either a maternal or paternal chromosome.”

The researchers specifically chose waterhemp as the male parent in the smooth pigweed × waterhemp cross because the previously published waterhemp genome was from a female plant. Tranel is pursuing research to understand the genetic basis for maleness and femaleness in waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, with potential applications toward introducing female sterility as a future control method.

“The genomes of the male waterhemp and Palmer amaranth already have enabled my group to make rapid progress on identifying the potential genes that could be responsible for the determination of sex (male or female) in both species,” Tranel says.

Importantly, the genomes for all three species could start to chip away at the problem of herbicide resistance in these weeds. More and more, scientists are uncovering evidence of non-target-site or metabolic resistance in waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, allowing the weeds to detoxify herbicides before they can cause damage. Unfortunately, it is usually very difficult to determine which specific enzyme, among hundreds, is responsible for detoxifying the herbicide.

Now, researchers will essentially be able to sort through a list to find the culprit with the hope of either knocking out the enzyme responsible or modifying the herbicide molecule to evade detoxification.

“Innovation is essential for the future of agriculture. We at BASF are working continuously on improving our products and services including sustainable solutions for the management of herbicide-resistant weeds. We want to better understand the amaranth biochemical resistance mechanisms in order to offer farmers new products and solutions for optimal control of key weeds,” says Jens Lerchl, head of early biology research on herbicides at BASF and study co-author. Lerchl coordinated the Palmer amaranth genome work with KeyGene/Wageningen -The Netherlands.

Reflecting on lessons learned

A couple of weeks ago I crept a little closer to that elusive number “65.”

Years ago everyone recognized that as the magic number that brought on retirement. These days nobody knows the magic number because it falls somewhere twixt 50 to 70. I must admit that at 64 I’m still working while many of my old high school chums are well into their retired years. Guess I always was a slow learner.

Of course, growing up on a farm boy, I really never learned there was such a thing as retiring as my dad worked well into his 70s and my grandparents the same. Seems it’s hard to give up your connection to the land. Even harder to figure out what you are going to do to pass your days when all you knew was work.

I lost Pop 22 years ago last month. I find myself missing him more every day. He taught me plenty, I just wish I would have paid better attention because I could have learned plenty more.

I lost mom four years back. She passed on Aug. 28; pop passed on Aug. 29.

If you knew them both that would not surprise you. They were the ultimate description of “team.”

So, I’m reflecting these days on all the lessons they taught me and all the ones I missed. Also the ones that came from a pretty good swat or two when needed. Those I remember.

Seeing how the pandemic has caused quite a stir on kids going back to school and learning; I hear many parents are considering home schooling as an option.

So, I reprint with pride an oldie but a goodie that reflects what homeschooling looked like to me some six decades ago.

Most of our generation were homeschooled in many ways.

1. My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done.

“If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”

2. My mother taught me religion.

“You better pray that will come out of the car-

pet.”

3. My father taught me about time travel.

“If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week!”

4. My father taught me logic.

“Because I said so, that’s why.”

5. My mother taught me more logic.

“If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”

6. My mother taught me foresight.

“Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you’re in an accident.”

7. My father taught me irony.

“Keep crying, and I’ll give you something to cry about.”

8. My mother taught me about the science of osmosis.

“Shut your mouth and eat your supper.”

9. My mother taught me about contortionism.

“Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!”

10. My mother taught me about stamina.

“You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”

11. My mother taught me about weather.

“This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.”

12. My mother taught me about hypocrisy.

“If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times. Don’t exaggerate!”

13. My father taught me the circle of life.

“I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.”

14. My mother taught me about behavior modification.

“Stop acting like your father!”

15. My mother taught me about envy.

“There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don’t have wonderful parents like you do.”

16. My mother taught me about anticipation.

“Just wait until we get home.”

17. My mother taught me about receiving.

“You are going to get it from your father when you get home!”

18. My mother taught me medical science.

“If you don’t stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way.”

19. My mother taught me ESP.

“Put your sweater on; don’t you think I know when you are cold?”

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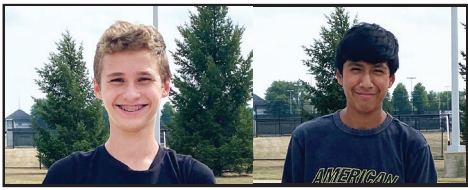
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Q&As with Rochelle Township High School student-athletes.

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RTHS Cross Country

Hitting their strides

Sophomore harriers Wanner, Ortiz ready for breakout seasons

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

THE 2020 season may be a rebuilding period for the Rochelle Township High School cross country program, but that doesn't mean there won't be talented young runners lacing up for the Hub and Lady Hub teams this fall. In fact, two sophomores are preparing to make their presence felt after successful freshman campaigns this past year.

One of those sophomores is David Wanner, who saw his personal-best time fall over two minutes from the start of the 2019 season to the finish at the IHSA 2A Sterling Regional, where Wanner clocked in at 18:42.9, his fastest time of the year. Wanner broke the 19-minute mark six times as a freshman, and with one season under his belt, the Hub harrier is ready to push himself even harder as he gears up for his sophomore season.

"I thought I ran pretty well," Wanner said. "Our practices were a lot tougher as the season went on and I was in a lot better shape to-

ward the end of the season. I'm hoping to speed up and run under 18 minutes this year, and I want to work hard and get better. My stamina has improved since last year and I thought my times were pretty consistent overall."

Another sophomore ready to prove herself is Yuelma Ortiz. Like Wanner, Ortiz dramatically improved her personal record from the start of the season, taking her time down over four minutes with her best performance at the IHSA 2A Sterling Regional, where she finished with a personal-record time of 22:44.1. Ortiz was one of two Lady Hub runners to earn top-10 finishes in the Interstate 8 Fresh-Soph Conference Championships.

"I thought I ran well last season, especially considering that I didn't run cross country in eighth grade," Ortiz said. "It was nice to come back and see my times improve... I was able to sprint more during my races and I wasn't as hard on myself throughout the season. One of my goals for this season is to record a 20-minute time and I'm hopeful that I can do that."



Sophomores David Wanner (left) and Yuelma Ortiz (right) are looking to step up for the Rochelle Township High School cross country team this fall.

(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

Illinois High School Association

IHSA adds hate speech, harassmment policy

Decision made through Board of Directors to protect student-athletes

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) implemented a new Board of Directors Policy aimed at addressing hate speech and harassment during the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 24, 2020.

The IHSA Hate Speech and Harassment Policy reiterates that the association does not tolerate hate speech or harassment, while seeking to provide a consistent framework to address and educate everyone involved should hate speech or harassment occur during a post-season contest or meet.

"This is an important topic to our Board of Directors, our staff, and our member schools," said IHSA executive director Craig Anderson. "It feels especially topical given some of the recent events in our country. Hate speech is learned, it is not engrained. We feel like by addressing it at its core and providing

education, we can help enlighten our coaches and athletes to be better citizens."

The policy defines hate speech or harassment as verbal, non-verbal, or physical acts aimed at a person's sex, gender identification, race, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability.

"I don't believe IHSA schools have a significant problem with hate speech or harassment, but we do seem to have a few incidents or allegations occur each year," said Anderson. "We recognize that teenagers make mistakes. Or that they may say or do things that they do not understand are hate speech or harassment. Interscholastic athletics and activities are an extension of the classroom. We owe it to our students to educate them on these matters."

If hate speech is heard by or reported to game

officials, the officials will stop play and alert the head coaches of both teams. The incident will be discussed with the coaches and players involved to gain clarity, as well as to see if the allegation can be verified. If the hate speech can be verified, the culpable player or coach is immediately ejected from the game and suspended for the next contest. If the incident cannot be verified, warnings will be issued, and any further incidents could result in ejections. Game administration will also be notified, and will be charged with ejecting any fans who engage in hate speech or harassment.

"The message this policy is sending is that addressing hate speech and harassment is bigger than the game," said IHSA assistant executive director Beth Sauser, who oversees the IHSA Do What's Right! Sportsmanship Advisory Committee. "We are going to stop the game and get to the bottom of the situation to see if something inappropriate has occurred. No matter the outcome,

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Craig Anderson

we are going to work with the schools immediately afterward to make sure it is addressed. We want these to be teachable moments that individuals can learn and grow from."

Regardless of whether the allegations are verified at the event or not, the Athletic Directors from both schools will be notified of the incident within 24 hours so that they can begin to address the situation internally. Additionally, if hate speech or harassment occurs during a contest, but a coach is not informed until after the contest, the same post-game proce-

dures will still occur with both school administrations being alerted.

"In order to change this type of behavior, we have to know about it," said Sauser. "We understand that an individual may be reluctant to report hate speech to an official or coach in the middle of a contest. It is vital that they can report it afterward to allow our office to facilitate these conversations within the participating schools."

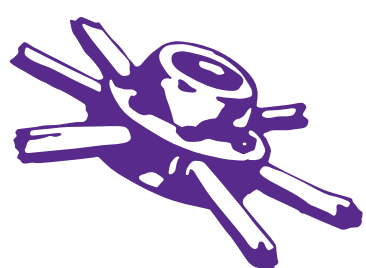
A group of athletic directors from the Central Suburban, Mid Suburban, North Suburban, and Upstate 8 Conferences pre-

sented to the IHSA Board at their meeting in February about the merits of a Hate Speech and Harassment Policy.

"Our mission was to help spread this message across Illinois that all student-athletes and coaches know they are protected and can compete without fear, intimidation or harassment," said Evanston Township High School athletic director Chris Livatino, whose Central Suburban League (CSL) is believed to be the state's first conference to adopt a Hate Speech Policy.

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A: Three years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: It keeps me in shape and it helps me stay positive.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Science because I enjoy doing labs and all the activities and experiments that come with them.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Kawhi Leonard because of his athleticism and his basketball ability.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My father because he always pushes me to do better.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be an aerospace engineer because I love how everything in the universe works.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Hawaii to be on the beach with my family.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I love meeting new people and fitting sports into my schedule.

**Luis
Pizano**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross Country



Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: It's very similar to track.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: PE because there are many challenges I face.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be an engineer.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I enjoy having new things to do with my friends.

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IHSA: Hate speech policy in effect for all events


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“We have definitely seen a decline in hate speech incidents towards our student-athletes in CSL contests since this policy was implemented back in 2016. What makes this policy important is not the procedures and consequences, but the message it sends to all students, coaches, fans, and administrators about the value that the IHSA places on respecting all people no matter their race, religion or sexual orientation.”


The IHSA Hate Speech and Harassment Policy is in affect for all postseason IHSA State Series contests and events, leaving regular-season incidents of this nature to be covered by that sports’ rulebook, or by a local conference or school policy. The IHSA encourages conferences to consider using the IHSA Hate Speech and Harassment Policy language to adopt a policy of their own.

“I am thankful to see the addition of this Policy, as it will positively impact the entire IHSA membership,” said Glenbard East High School athletic director D’Wayne Bates, whose school belongs to the Upstate Eight Conference, which also adopted a Hate Speech Policy. “In our history and current social unrest, unfortunately hate speech is happening. This policy allows a consistency in protocol to appropriately deal with hate speech. There are several conferences, including the Central Suburban and Up-State Eight conferences, that have adopted a hate speech policy, and it is my hope that all IHSA members schools and conferences will do the same. It is our duty to protect our student-athletes, coaches, and community members from hate speech, and the IHSA has afforded us this opportunity to steward this responsibility.”

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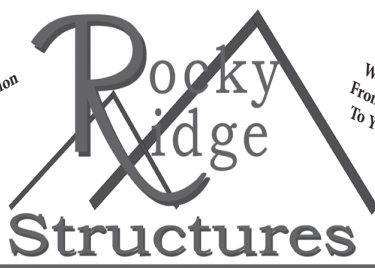
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)Case
ESTATE)No.
OF)2020
CYNTHIA)
L.)
OVERSTREET)P48
ROCHELLE)
IL 61068)

PUBLICATION NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS, C L A I M A N T S , UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of Cynthia L. Overstreet who died on 07/20/14, a resident of Rochelle, Illinois.
2. The Representative for the estate of: Carolyn K. Overstreet, 621 7th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.
3. The Attorney for the Estate is: Patrick M. Flaherty, 2114 Deerpath Road, Aurora, IL 60506.
4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before February 19, 2021. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or with the Representative, or both.

Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

5. On 6-22-2020 an appointing representative was entered.

6. Within forty-two (42) days after the effective date of the original Order Admitting the Will to Probate, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the validity of the Will by testimony or witnesses to the Will in open Court, or other evidence, as provided in Article VI 5/6-21 (755 ILCS 5/6/21).

7. Within six (6) months after the effective date of the original Order Admitting the Will to Probate, you may file a petition with the Court to contest the validity of the Will as provided under Article VIII 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1).

8. The estate will be administrated without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Article XXVIII 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

I n d e p e n d e n t
Administrator,
Carolyn Overstreet
No. 0820 (Aug. 19, Aug. 26, Sept. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, and Case No. 18-05-6017P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through

issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627). No. 0827 (Aug. 26, Sept. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The City of Rochelle, Illinois, will receive SEALED bids for a Rochelle Municipal Utilities Water Reclamation Department Project until 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of September, 2020 at the City Hall, located at 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed Water Reclamation Department project for which the City is soliciting bids consists of one (1) contract for: The removal of existing aluminum grating and anchorage, and the installation of new fiberglass grating and anchorage, and other associated work.

The contract documents, including Drawings and Specifications, and form of contract and bonds for performance and payment, are on file at the office of the City Clerk, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 and at the office of the ENGINEER, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Copies of the Contract Documents, including Project Manual and the Construction Drawings, shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.willetthofmann.com. Contractors shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow the instructions. The eBidDoc# (project number) is 7292909. The Project Manual, Construction Drawings and Bid Documents PDFs can be downloaded from the website by depositing ten dollars (\$10.00) by credit card.

Said deposit is NON REFUNDABLE.

A certified check or bank draft on a responsible solvent bank, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder on an acceptable surety company, payable to the City of Rochelle, Illinois, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds each for 100% of the awarded contract price. No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without the consent of Rochelle Municipal Utilities. Bids may be held by the City of Rochelle, Illinois for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the Contract.

The City of Rochelle will hold a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on September 8, 2020. The pre-bid meeting will be held at the Water Reclamation Plant, 888 Treatment Plant Rd, Rochelle, Illinois. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the construction documents must be paid on this project and that the contractor must insure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The City of Rochelle is an equal opportunity employer. The City of Rochelle does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The City of Rochelle, Illinois reserves the right to reject any non-responsive bid and/or non-responsive bid.

BY ORDER OF
R O C H E L L E
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
By: Adam Lanning,
W a t e r / W R P
Superintendent
DATE: September 2, 2020
No. 0901 (Sept. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE for Flagg Township
Public notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of Flagg Township in Ogle County and the State of Illinois, the Annual Town Meeting of said township will take place on September 14, 2020, being the second Monday of said month, at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. in the boardroom of the Flagg Township office

building, 303 W. Highway 38, Rochelle, IL. The Annual Town Meeting will conduct transaction of miscellaneous business of said township, and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

The Ogle County Health Department has given Flagg Township permission to hold the Annual Town Meeting and all mandated provisions regarding COVID-19 will be implemented to ensure the health and safety of the attendees. Joanna G. Patrick Flagg Township Clerk GENDA FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF FLAGG TOWNSHIP

Monday, September 14, 2020 Flagg Township Board Room, 6:00 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Nominate Moderator
4. Approve Minutes
5. Report on all funds
6. Motion in order for the Township Board to be given the authority to transfer funds

from one budgeted account to another within the same fund without overdrawing the account from which transferred.

7. Motion for the Supervisor to be given the power to sue and defend any township suit
8. Other business
9. Set time of the next Annual Meeting
10. Adjourn

No. 0902 (Sept. 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Eswood Community Consolidated School District No. 269 in the counties of Ogle and Dekalb, State of Illinois, that a public hearing regarding the 2020-2021 school district budget will be held at 5:45 p.m. on the 21st day of September, 2020, at Eswood Elementary School, Lindenwood, Illinois, 61049. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the school district offices located at 304 N. Main Street, Lindenwood, Illinois from August 18th, 2020 through September 21st, 2020, during regular business hours. No. 0905 (Sept. 2)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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HILLCREST: 200 Ramona Ave. Estate/Yard Sale. Saturday September 5th 10am-4pm. Furniture & Much More! Call for More Info 815-562-9509. (09-02-20)

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

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