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Ceremony held for Class of 2020

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Rochelle Township High School held a modified graduation ceremony to honor its senior class of 2020 over the weekend.

The event took place on Saturday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the RTHS gymnasium. Between 70-75 students, as well as up to 10 family members for each student, attended the event and each student and family entered the gymnasium one at a time for their designated time slot.

The student walked across the stage, heard his or her name called and although the students already received their diplomas, the principal pretended to hand it to the students for a photo opportunity. After walking across the stage, the students and families were



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Counselor Laurie Pillen (left) looks on as graduate Austin Brown fist bumps Principal Chris Lewis as announcer Scott Swartz (right) looks on as well during Saturday's ceremony at Rochelle Township High School.

given a short amount of time to take photos before the next group came in.

"Each family had between 5 and 10 minutes inside the building to take photos," RTHS Principal

Chris Lewis said. "Then, they took some outside and eventually had their moments together at home to celebrate."

All CDC guidelines as well as recommendations

from the Illinois State board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health were strictly enforced at the event. While the event differed from the normal graduation

ceremony, the school has heard nothing but positive feedback from the students and their families.

Considering all of the rules and regulations, the school says the event went very smooth and according to plan. This is not how either the school or the students imagined graduation would be conducted, but the school did everything in its power to give its graduating seniors the recognition they have worked towards.

"Obviously, this wasn't the most ideal or the normal ceremony, but nothing is normal right now and we made the most of the situation we could," Lewis said. "We wanted to at least provide one more moment for our kids and we were able to do that. We were glad to see them one last time and we wish them all the best in all of their future endeavors."

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Census extended through October

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Beginning in mid-August, census workers will be going door-to-door to homes that have not yet responded to the 2020 United States Census count.

Households that have not responded to the census count can expect census workers to begin showing the week of Aug. 10, between 9 a.m., and 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anybody 16 years or older may answer the census questions for the residence. If nobody is home when



the census taker visits, a notice of visit will be left with information on how to respond online or by phone. Census takers will return several times, but

if a household responds online or by phone the census taker will be likely to revisit the home.

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Man apprehended in Mississippi

Officials awaiting extradition
of Lara to Illinois

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office has apprehended a former local man wanted for predatory criminal sexual assault of a child following an incident in Ogle County in 2019.

On July 29, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office received information that Rocky D. Lara, 23, who had an outstanding 2019 Ogle County warrant for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, was residing in Columbia, Mississippi. In cooperation with the Columbia Police Department, Lara



Rocky Lara

was taken into custody on July 30.

Lara was transported to the Marion County Jail where he awaits extradition to Illinois.

Ready for take off

Three-phase runway, taxiway renovation project complete at Rochelle Airport

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – The Rochelle Municipal Airport recently completed a \$3.2 million three-phase runway and taxiway renovation project.

The first phase of the project involved tearing up the old asphalt ramp leading to the taxiway and runway and rebuilding it out of much stronger and longer lasting concrete. The second phase of the project was tearing up the old runway that was beginning to fall apart to re-surface, repaint and implement new groove drainage technology for the new runway.



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LOCAL NEWS

Changes announced to county's monthly electronics recycling event procedures

OGLE COUNTY — In response to overwhelming attendance and volumes of electronics received at recent recycling events, the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department is implementing some changes in the procedures to attend these events.

The next Electronics Recycling Event and subsequent events will now have a limit of 250 county households, will require pre-registration, and will have a strict limit of five items per household. These changes are to insure the safety of workers and participants at the events and to reduce the wait times for those attending.

The next Residential Electronics Recycling event will be held on Friday, Aug. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the county annex building at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. The parking lot will open at 9 a.m. for residential electronic recycling. OCSWMD staff requests that people do not arrive early.

To register for this event please call or email the OCSWMD by noon on Aug. 26 (or the Wednesday before the event) to request a free Electronics Recycling Permit. Information needed: your name, address, town, and email. Requests received after this time or when the 250 permit limit has been filled, will have the option to be registered for the next monthly event. A permit will be emailed or sent by mail to each approved household. Permits are limited to one residential address per month, and are valid for one specific event. Registration will be limited to Ogle County residents only, and addresses and identification will be verified.

"All of these changes were necessary to insure the safety of our staff and workers at these events."

Steve Rypkema

Participants must show their permit and identification with proof of Ogle County residency when they arrive at the event. This event is for electronic items from Ogle County residents only; residents of other Illinois counties should check with their local government or electronic retailers for electronic recycling options where they reside. People without a valid permit will be denied service.

"All of these changes were necessary to insure the safety of our staff and workers at these events," stated OCSWMD Director Steve Rypkema. "We had over 350 cars at each of our last two collection events and we just couldn't keep up with that many cars and the volume of TVs and other electronics people are bringing in. People were lined up an hour before we began, so we struggled to catch up. We are hoping these changes will result in safer, more efficient events."

The Illinois Consumer Electronics Recycling Act limits the number of electronic items accepted up to seven, however, the OCSWMD will now only allow up to five items to be brought in for recycling. Accepted electronic items

which are counted each as one item include all televisions, computer monitors, computer towers, laptop computers, printers, FAX machines, scanners, electric typewriters, DVD/VCR players, cable or satellite receivers, stereo equipment, video game consoles, and microwave ovens, which are \$5 per microwave.

Smaller items such as computer cables, e-mice, keyboards, tablets, cell phones, home phones, calculators, digital clocks, rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs and printer cartridges may be bulked together and will count as one item in the total of five accepted items. Please check with the OCSWMD to verify what items are accepted and what is not accepted if you are unsure.

The OCSWMD commends residents for their recycling efforts, but states that these changes are needed due to record turnouts, long lines of vehicles on the roadway, and limitations of County resources to handle increasing volumes of electronics the last two months.

"We are happy that people want to recycle so much, but with our limited staff and workers, COVID-19 restrictions, and the large numbers of people attending the event, we had to change the way we run the event. It's about safety, and we that hope people understand and adapt to the new ways of participating in these events," said Rypkema.

Call 815-732-4020 or email the OCSWMD at solid-waste@oglecounty.org to register for the Aug. 28 or future electronics recycling events, and check the county website at www.oglecounty.org or Facebook for more information on these important changes to this recycling program.

CENSUS: Workers will go door-to-door

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All census workers will have a valid government badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date on it as well as a handheld device to help the household respond on. If an individual would like further proof, he or she can call 844-330-2020 to speak to a Census Bureau representative for further identification.

Census self-response invitations were sent out in late March and community members have had the

opportunity to respond online since. The final day to respond to the census count is Oct. 31 and the community is slightly behind pace compared to last year.

"The City of Rochelle is currently just under 71 percent as a whole that has responded," assistant to city manager/city clerk Sue Messer said. "The self-response rate at this same time in 2010 was 73.5, so we are still running a little behind."

The city suspects that COVID-19 is playing a role in the slightly lower response rate this year. Pending the COVID-19 situation, the

city is also planning on holding census events leading up to the response deadline with more details being announced soon.

"Barring COVID, we still have plans to do several events through the remainder of the response time up until Oct. 31 when it closes," Messer said. "These events will really be targeted at the hard to count populations or specific areas of town that are not responding as quickly."

Responses to the United States Census are very crucial in determining the amount of state and federal funds a community receives. Every person not counted is a loss of approximately \$1,800 per year, for 10 years, which is approximately \$18,000 in funding per person.

The city is hoping it will be able to host census events in the coming months to help boost response rates and ensure the community doesn't miss out on valuable funding. The city even has plans to sponsor a gift card drawing for those who attend and respond at one of the events.

"The city is going to sponsor a drawing for a gift card and we hope that will help bring people out as well," Messer said. "Just as one more reason for people to come out and respond."

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LOCAL NEWS

Golfers tee off at annual Chamber Play Day

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – While COVID-19 has caused many events to be cancelled, the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce was very happy to have been able to host its 50th Annual Chamber Play Day.

The event featured a superhero theme and took place on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Fairways Golf Course and Salt 251 in Rochelle. The City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities were the naming sponsors of the event, Central Bank provided lunch and over 40 businesses from the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce participated.

The outing included businesses paired up for a round of golf, different organizations with games and giveaways set up on holes throughout the course and many raffle prizes. While the event is a great time for business-



Jacob Becker lines up a drive.

es to have fun and build connections, the event is the chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year. Its main goal is to help fund future chamber events.

"This is a great day where business is done but people also have fun," said Tricia Herrera, executive director of the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce.

"While new connections are made on the course, the main goal of this event is to raise funds so we can continue our programs like the curb appeal and scholarships program."

All CDC guidelines and health department recommendations were followed at the event. Social distancing was

practiced, masks were available for everybody and hand sanitizer was placed in each golf cart and throughout the course.

All prior registration and raffles at the event were also conducted with very limited contact. While the chamber believes that COVID-19 may have decreased the number of golfers physically at the event, it did not affect the number of sponsors and support from the community.

"With COVID-19, it is obviously a little different of a situation this year, but we are very excited that we did not have a sponsorship drop off this year," Herrera said. "It shows us that our members know that supporting the chamber is essentially supporting them also. We are very thankful for the golfers and all of the sponsors. We are ready to move forward at the chamber and this is the kick off."



Grooving work being completed on the runway.

AIRPORT: Project completed

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The final portion of the project involved relocating the old taxiway from the beginning of the runway toward the middle to act like a speed bump for planes entering the runway. This entire project ensures the safety of the pilots as well as updates the quality of the runway itself.

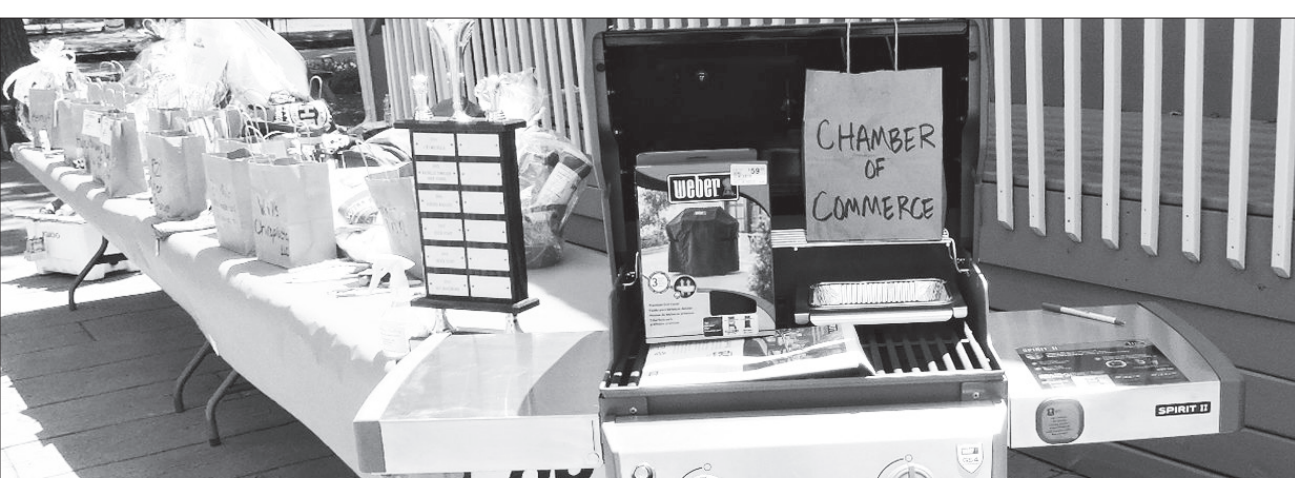
"The main reason was to maintain the infrastructure of the airport because those areas were beginning to wear out and the surfaces were beginning to break down," airport manager Mike Hudetz said. "We also implemented new drainage grooving technology instead of the previously used, friction course, so the runway drains quicker and last longer."

All the lights along the runway were also rewired with a special lightning suppression system since they had been hit by lightning twice in the last two years. The total cost of the project was \$3.2 million, but 90 percent was paid for by the federal government, 5 percent through the state and the city paid the remaining 5 percent.

The airport has been working towards getting the runway redone since 2016 and work finally began last fall. The ramp was completed last fall, the taxiways in April and the runway took the duration of April, May, June and was finished in mid-July.

"The runway had to be closed down on and off during the entire process, but we are back to normal now and it was very worth it in the long run," Hudetz said. "It really gives the whole airport a new makeover and this is one of the most active airports in the area for general, commercial and sport aviation. We have skydiving, pilot training and even the restaurant. It is a really good airport for people to enjoy aviation by observation or to actually get involved in it."

The airport is already planning its second-phase ramp project of turning its other asphalt ramp into concrete, as well as rebuilding certain airplane hangars that were originally built in 1963.



A variety of gift baskets and prizes for golfers at the chamber play day.

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LOCAL NEWS

Man arrested after leaving scene of accident

On July 31 at 2:10 p.m. Ogle County Sheriff deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 8300 block of N. Illinois Route 251. While in route, witnesses report the offending car had left the scene and it was reported the only occupant was injured. The vehicle was located and stopped near the intersection of N. Illinois 251 and N. Illinois Route 72. The driver, Jonathon R. Levert, 27, of Monroe, Wisconsin, was transported to Swedish American by New Milford Ambulance. He was arrested at the hospital for DUI drugs, driving while revoked, and numerous other charges. He was released with a September court date.

On Aug. 1 at 3 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to the railroad crossing in Chana in regard to a motorcycle accident involving a truck. Upon arrival it was determined that Brian L. Balch, 43, of rural Chana, was traveling southbound on Chana Road in his work truck. Balch struck the rear of a motorcycle driven by Thomas Thompson, 76, of Rochelle. Thompson was taken to Rochelle Community Hospital for treatment of injuries. Balch was not injured. Balch was cited for failing to reduce his speed to avoid an accident and Thompson was cited for violation of classification (no Class M license).

On Aug. 2 at approximately 6:41 a.m., Ogle County deputies along with the Oregon Fire Department, responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian accident in the 3900 block of South Ridge Road. The pedestrian was transported to Mercy Hospital for his injuries. This accident remains under investigation.

On Aug. 3 at approximately 4:55 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies performed a traffic stop at the intersection of IL Route 2 and Canal Street in Grand Detour. After investigation, deputies learned that Rebecca Gray, 41, of Dixon, had a suspended Illinois driver's license. Gray was later released on an I-Bond and also issued a citation for no valid registration.



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Obituaries

Imogene Stoneking

ROCHELLE — Imogene L. Stoneking died Thursday, July 30, 2020 at the age of 81 in Rochelle, Ill.

Imogene was born to Daniel and Violet Vancil on July 12, 1939 in Galesburg, Ill.

She married Marlin Stoneking on Nov. 4, 1957. Together, they raised three children, Craig, Kyle and Kim.

A staunch supporter of higher education, she received an accounting degree in 1985 and a Bachelor of Arts from Western Illinois University in 2000. Imogene worked several jobs through her years, but most notably worked at the Nashville Banner newspaper as an executive assistant. In her later



years, she worked as a substitute teacher.

Imogene had a great passion for gardening and plants that was only superseded by her love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Imogene also had a great fondness for dogs and lived her remaining years with her best friend and loyal companion, Marley, in Rochelle.

Imogene's curiosity led her to avidly read and to try and learn new skills or hobbies. One of her proudest accomplishments was learning to swim at an older age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marlin; her parents; and her sister, Beverly.

She is survived by her sisters, Alice Wilson, Sharon Taflinger,

Dorothy Tank and Linda Eastburg; her children, Craig Stoneking, Kyle (Shari) Stoneking, and Kim (Troy) Williams; her grandchildren, Daniel (Stephanie) Williams, Cassandra Palmer (Zack), Shawn (Liz) Stoneking, Kirsten (Mark) Guzman, Kurtis Stoneking, Madison and Dustin; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life and graveside memorial service will be held at Alpha Cemetery on Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Daniel & Stephanie Williams Fund for the Arts can be made in Imogene's name. Checks can be mailed to The Rochelle Area Community Foundation P.O. Box 74 Rochelle, IL 61068.

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan — Timothy Wooten, 43, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of July 29, 2020 surrounded by love from his family, his sons, Devin, Drake and Payton Wooten of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Chicago; his sisters, Lisa Kurtzman of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and Mary (Craig) Ritchie of Ashton; his cousins, who were like his brothers, Nate (Lori) and Adam Wooten of Rochelle; and his mother and step-father, Vickie and Joe Nelson of Ashton.

Tim was born in Rochelle, to Michael Wooten and Vickie Nelson on Oct. 14, 1976. He was raised by his paternal grandparents, Gene and



Doris Binger. He attended Rochelle Township High School and spent his life working as Loss Prevention Manager for a variety of industries in the Illinois-Iowa Quad Cities and Grand Rapids, Michigan, area.

Tim always enjoyed the finer things in life such as five-star hotels and traveling to visit his sister to soak up the sun in South Carolina. He was a die-hard Chicago Bears, Chicago White Sox, and Notre Dame "Fighting Irish" fan and watched the games religiously. The man knew how to make a meal that would feed an army of family and friends. But the thing he was most proud of were his boys.

He leaves behind his love of cooking through his son, Devin, whose culinary career was in-

spired by his Pop's dream of becoming a chef. His sense of adventure, street smarts and lively storytelling will live on through his son, Drake. And Tim's soft heart will continue to beat on through his son, Payton (named after his favorite Chicago Bear, Walter Payton).

Tim was welcomed into his next chapter in joyful reunion with his late father, Michael Wooten; his grandparents, Doris and Gene Binger; his pet, Roxy; and friends who passed before him.

He will continue to be celebrated by his nieces, Megan Whaley (great-niece Haven Marie) and Lily Kurtzman, and his nephew, Tanner Altman of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, and many extended family members.

Cremation services

were provided by Arslowicz Brothers Mortuaries, Inc. in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, two celebrations of life will be held in the fall at the beach in Grand Haven, Michigan, and in Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates continued prayers of strength during this time and cards of condolences to be sent to his sons: Devin, Drake and Payton Wooten at 34 Luray Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

The family would also like to publicly thank Mercy Health Saint Mary's in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for their compassionate doctors, nurses and staff for their support during Tim's final days.

Barry Tilton

ROCHELLE — Barry Lee Tilton, 65, of Rochelle, passed away on Aug. 2, 2020. Barry was born on May 24, 1955 in Panama City, Florida, to Duane and Gussie (Starnes) Tilton.

He was loved by all his friends and was a very helpful neighbor. He loved to watch the news and had a big passion for painting.

Barry is survived by his special friend, Tina Gonzalez of Rochelle; one daughter, Heather Tilton of Rochelle; one granddaughter, Indy Metzger; as well as two sisters, Lori (John) Davis and Diana

Akers.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Tilton; and one sister, Susan Tilton.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes, 704 N. Sixth Street, Rochelle. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded.

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STATE NEWS

Pritzker warns of deep cuts without federal aid

Congress still debating whether to help states make up for lost revenue

BY PETER HANCOCK

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SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday that Illinois faces the prospect of having to make deep spending cuts over the rest of the fiscal year if Congress does not pass an economic relief package that helps states make up for the massive loss in revenue they've seen since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I continue to do my part to make calls, to make sure that people understand that Republican-led states and Democratic-led states all have this challenge of revenues that fell off a cliff because of COVID-19," Pritzker said during a news conference in Springfield.

COVID-19 first appeared in Illinois in January and it quickly spread to all corners of the state, prompting Pritzker to issue a stay-at-home order that virtually shut down major segments of the economy. Similar economic

restrictions were imposed in other states as well, although many were less strict than those in Illinois.

As a result, base revenues flowing into state coffers fell during the fiscal year that ended June 30 by a little more than \$1.1 billion.

In May, state lawmakers passed a budget for the new fiscal year that began July 1. That budget was roughly \$5 billion out of balance compared to revenue estimates available at the time, but the plan was to fill in the gap by borrowing from the Federal Reserve and by passage of a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the state to levy a "graduated" income tax that would impose higher tax rates on higher levels of income.

The budget authorized borrowing roughly \$4.5 billion through the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility, something the Fed board approved earlier this year as a way to help state and local governments make up for the loss of revenue they've seen.



In Illinois, the plan was to borrow that money and pay it back with aid that lawmakers expected Congress to approve.

Republicans in the General Assembly argued against that plan, saying it would be unwise to rely on short-term borrowing to balance the budget, especially when it was still unknown what, if any, kind of relief package Congress would authorize in the future.

But Democrats argued that using the Federal Reserve's credit program was the best option available because it enabled the state to continue spending and spurring economic activity at a time when businesses and consumers couldn't.

Now, as negotiations between the Democratic-led U.S. House and Republican-led U.S. Senate have dragged on, many observers say it looks increasingly less

At a news conference in Springfield Monday, Gov. JB Pritzker warns that deep spending cuts and layoffs will occur in Illinois and nationwide if Congress does not approve a coronavirus relief package that includes aid to state and local governments that have seen sharp revenue declines during the pandemic. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Peter Hancock)

likely that the next economic relief package will include aid to states.

Although the House has passed its own version of a relief package that includes about \$500 billion to help states make up for their lost revenue, the latest Senate proposal does not include such aid.

And as recently as July 23, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told CNBC that, "the president is not go-

ing to bail out Chicago and New York and other states that prior to the coronavirus were mismanaged."

Without federal aid, however, Pritzker said Monday that there will be significant cuts and job layoffs in Illinois and throughout the country.

"But this is going to be up to the Congress. They're the ones who have the ability to help us and to help all 50 states with the challenge we all have. But there are going to be layoffs across the country, not just related to state government, but when you don't fund state and local governments you're going to see, and you've already seen to some degree, layoffs," Pritzker said. "Not to mention those who provide services to state and local governments, private companies whose contracts no doubt will be put aside because the money isn't flowing, because we don't have the ability to balance the budget in the way that we had originally intended to."

Mendoza highlights dangers ahead for Illinois budget

BY PETER HANCOCK

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SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza is adding her voice to those warning that the state will face dire consequences if the federal government does not approve an economic aid package for state and local governments.

"Without question, Illinois—and every other state, frankly—will need financial support from the federal government to bring much-needed stability back to state and local government," Mendoza wrote in the latest edition of her Fiscal Focus magazine, which she distributed in a news release Monday. "Taxpayers, bondholders, businesses, human service providers, schools, and colleges and universities need to know that together we will pull through this unprecedented time."

Mendoza, a Democrat who has served as comptroller since December 2016, noted that the state began the fiscal year on July 1 with a backlog of past-due bills totaling nearly \$5.4 billion. But that was only because the state borrowed \$1.2 billion from the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility—money that has to be paid back in its entirety, with 3.52-percent interest, during the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2021.

She also noted that the state has borrowed another \$400 million from the state treasurer's office and the state's general revenue fund still owes about \$763 million that it borrowed from other funds in previous years, which has to be repaid

in installments through 2024.

She said the total amount due in the current fiscal year between borrowing from the Fed, the treasurer's office and interfund borrowing is \$1.63 billion.

But as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage Illinois and the rest of the country, revenues flowing into state coffers are expected to fall significantly. The state's unemployment rate in June stood at 14.6 percent, and depending on how long the pandemic lasts, that could cut deeply into individual income tax and retail sales tax collections.

The budget that state lawmakers passed in May called for \$42.8 billion in general revenue fund spending. It also authorized spending the \$5.5 billion that the state expects to receive in federal CARES Act money—funds Congress approved in March to help pay for COVID-19 response and relief efforts which cannot be used to replace lost revenues.

Mendoza noted, however, that the budget was predicated on the idea that the state could borrow between \$5 billion and \$6.5 billion through various sources, including the Municipal Liquidity Facility, "depending on whether the federal government provides direct relief to states for revenue failures as a result of the pandemic."

Without the borrowing, Mendoza noted, lawmakers would have been faced with the prospect of making 35-percent cuts across the board.

"This would have been catastrophic to schools; public safety; and the medical, social, and human service programs

upon which the state's most vulnerable citizens rely," she said.

But Mendoza also warned about the consequences of further short-term borrowing without a dedicated source of revenue to repay it.

"As Illinois considers the possibility of engaging in additional borrowing, it must be cautioned this is not 'free money.' It must be repaid," she said. "Adding some \$6.5 billion in potential borrowing, especially with interest rates of more than 4 (percent), to the \$2.66 billion in short-term borrowing already owed would have consequences on Illinois' financial outlook for years to come."

Among those consequences, she said, would be another sharp spike in the state's backlog of bills outside of the core payments for debt service, pensions, K-12 education, employee payroll, and social and human services.

As of Monday, however, Republicans and Democrats in Congress were still far apart in their negotiations on the next economic recovery package. The Democratic-controlled House recently approved a package that included \$500 billion in aid for state governments. But the Republican-controlled Senate was pushing for a package that includes no new aid for states and instead allowing more flexibility in how they are allowed to spend the CARES Act funding they have already received.

"The federal government must realize states cannot simply tax or cut their way out of systemic fiscal problems resulting from the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic," Mendoza said.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Madigan could get left to sink with the ship

IN my years covering Illinois politics, I've known two men called "Public Official A."

One is Rod Blagojevich and the other is Mike Madigan.

In 2005, years before he was impeached or convicted of corruption charges, court documents ominously referred to someone as "Public Official A." It was the first noticeable stray thread that would eventually lead to the political unravelling of Blagojevich.

Last month, federal prosecutors tagged Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan with that moniker in a plea deal with Commonwealth Edison. The giant utility serving Chicago and much of northern Illinois essentially admitted to giving bribes to Madigan.

The bribes would be in the form of contracts and jobs at the giant utility that Madigan could dole out to his supporters. In the court documents, Public Official A was identified as the Illinois Speaker of the House, a post held by Madigan.

Last month, through a spokesperson, Madigan said he is innocent of wrongdoing. And he has not been charged with a crime.

Madigan and Blagojevich have a long and contentious relationship. For nearly eight years, both men faced off over the state budget and legislation. Although Madigan co-chaired the former governor's re-election campaign, he later spearheaded the drive to impeach him. Blagojevich is the only Illinois governor to have been removed from office.

Because of this, Blagojevich brings a unique perspective to Madigan's political maginations — and what it is like to be the target of a federal probe.

First, what does it mean to be "Public Official A?"

"It means they have a target on your back," the former governor told me Monday during a nearly hour-long telephone interview.

After serving nearly eight years in prison on corruption charges, Blagojevich was released earlier this year when President Donald Trump commuted his term.

The gap between being Public Official A and an inmate is not very long, he said.

"It may take years; but in the course of a lifetime, it's not very long at all. Once they have painted a bullseye on your back, they are out to get you," Blagojevich said.

Already, several members of Madigan's caucus have called for him to resign.

But in a statement issued last week, the House speaker said, "I understand that the last couple of weeks have been difficult for our caucus and party, and I have had many candid conversations with members of the Democratic caucus on this matter. The feedback is positive and demonstrates continued support for me and my leadership roles. I have no plans to resign."

Blagojevich said Madigan may be hanging on to the speakership and his position as chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party to be in a better bargaining position.

Federal prosecutors pursuing cases against other elected officials have entered into plea agreements where the politician agrees to leave office in exchange for a reduced sen-

tence.

"He has to hold onto the speakership and the chairmanship of the Democratic Party," Blagojevich said. "It's so he can have bargaining chips with the federal prosecutors, so that in the event that he gets indicted, which could very well happen based upon what's happened so far, he has more bargaining chips to deal with when it comes to making a deal. Madigan is the ultimate deal maker here."

Madigan spokeswoman Maura Possley declined Tuesday to respond to Blagojevich's statements.

Although Blagojevich is a Democrat, since the president commuted his sentence, he has become an enthusiastic Trump supporter, even going so far as to call himself a "Trumpocrat."

Blagojevich contends Madigan hopes to see presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden defeat Trump so a different federal prosecutor will be appointed for Northern Illinois.

"If Biden gets elected they're going to put a Democrat U.S. Attorney in. Madigan would pull strings. ... And there'll be all kinds of back room discussions to try to get a U.S. Attorney who will agree to throw the case out against Madigan. That's his own path to avoid sinking with the Titanic. Otherwise I think

he's really facing a lot of cold dark nights in that North Atlantic.

Blagojevich said if the current U.S. Attorney is serious about eventually charging Madigan with crime, he may seek to act sooner rather than later because of the possibility of an administration change.

But when pressed Blagojevich concedes he doesn't know for sure if there is sufficient evidence to charge the House Speaker.

Blagojevich added federal prosecutors very well may now be putting pressure on those around Madigan.

"It's been my unhappy experience of being a Public Official A. It is not a good place to be. You learn very early on — and very quickly who your friends are. They get squeezed so hard and treated, so mercilessly, just to get them to bend and break against you. My own experience tells me that no one withstands that pressure. ... Sooner or later, they're going to abandon ship. And the captain is going to be left with the Titanic to sink all by himself."

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Aug. 11 – (Tuesday) – Corned beef and cabbage, cornbread, collard greens

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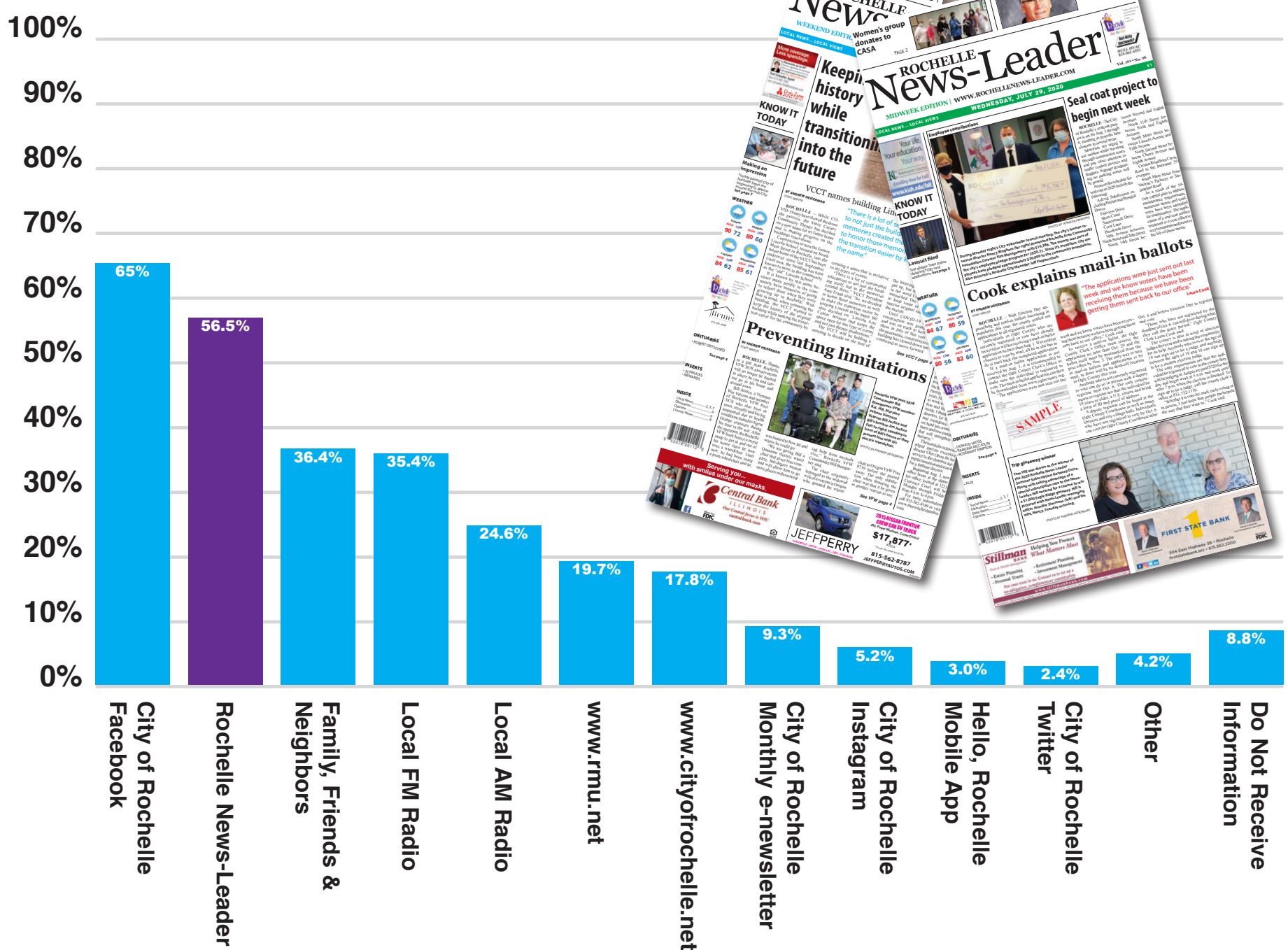
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SPORTS

SHOOTING FOR STATE

Rising junior Caleb Nadig has his eyes on an IHSA state championship next year.

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RTHS Golf

Best of the best

Rochelle senior Thiravong wins 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Classic

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCKFORD — Rochelle senior Megan Thiravong was underwhelmed with her qualifying-round performance in the 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Classic this past weekend. Thiravong wasn't expecting to make the Championship Flight, but after earning the No. 5 overall seed, the Lady Hub standout went to work against some of the best golfers in the area.

Thiravong, who won the A Flight of the Greater Rockford Women's Classic two years ago, qualified fifth in the Championship Flight after an 81 in the opening round at Ingersoll last weekend. Thiravong's bracket run wouldn't be easy, as she needed to upset three higher seeds to win the championship, all three players being former tournament champions.

Unnerved and motivated to shine against players she called her role models, Thiravong dominated the Championship Flight, winning three consecutive match-play rounds to claim the 2020 title. Facing No. 2 seed Hui Chong Dofflemeyer in the finals, Thiravong went 15-for-17 on greens in regulation and played

the whole round without a three-putt to win 2&1.

"It was an honor to play with some of my golf mentors and idols these past two weeks," Thiravong said. "I have looked up to all the ladies competing in the Greater Rockford Women's Classic, especially Jessica Slattery, Natalie Hooper and Hui Chong Dofflemeyer. These three players all have phenomenal personal strengths engraved into their routine and are role models for younger players like myself on and off the course."

Match play

Thiravong opened bracket play with a first-round match against the No. 4 seed Slattery, winning 2 up to advance to the semifinals and face the No. 1 seed Hooper, a four-time state qualifier from Rockford Lutheran who currently plays for Western Illinois University. While Thiravong wasn't confident in her qualifying-round performance, her mental toughness and her ability to find the greens fueled her victory over Slattery in the championship bracket.

"I was struggling in all aspects of my game and couldn't seem to smooth out the mistakes during the qualifying round,"

Thiravong said. "I knew I had the potential to play my best and defeat my opponents... I had nothing to lose and everything to gain by digging in my heels and packing in the pressure on the course. My keys to victory in the first round were keeping calm and trying my best to stay on the green. Ingersoll is very difficult to play without hitting straight and throwing a lot of backspin on approach shots, and in combination with Slattery's wicked short game, I knew I had to hit my ball on the green to keep up."

Hooper and Thiravong went down to the wire in the semifinal round at Sandy Hollow on Saturday. After Hooper tied the match with a par on the 17th hole, Thiravong won the 18th hole with an easy two-putt to claim the match 1 up and reach the finals on Sunday. The semifinal match was never separated by more than one stroke, with Thiravong gaining the first lead after five holes before Hooper took the sixth and seventh holes to surge ahead. After halving the next five holes, Thiravong won the 13th and 14th holes to reclaim the lead.

See GOLF page 3

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School senior Megan Thiravong defeated three straight opponents to win the Championship Flight of the 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Classic at Aldeen Golf Club on Sunday. Above is Megan with her father Chico.

Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association

ISBPA settles with state over bowling regulations

Centers allowed to operate at lesser of 50 percent capacity or 200 patrons

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Bowling centers, including Rochelle's T-Byrd Lanes, received good news this past weekend after the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association reached an agreement with the state to loosen restrictions on the maximum capacity allowed inside facilities.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker revealed new state guidelines for sports this past Wednesday, with the guidelines indicating that bowling will be considered a low-risk sport. With these guidelines in mind, the ISBPA and the state worked together to expand capacities for bowling centers, allowing them to operate at the lesser of 50-percent capacity or 200 patrons.

The news was overwhelmingly positive for bowling proprietors like Dan Wyka, who operates Rochelle's T-Byrd Lanes. While T-Byrd Lanes has been closed since July 26 and will remain closed until Aug. 17 for summer maintenance and remodeling, Wyka said the new bowling center guidelines will allow for leagues to begin on time and at full capacity later this month. Previous restrictions allowed bowling centers to operate at a maximum of 50 patrons only.

"We're excited," Wyka said. "Our biggest league has 70 bowlers, so our biggest concern was whether or not we'd be able to run our leagues in full. We'll be having meetings with our leagues to discuss social distancing and masks... We have to keep our busi-

ness going."

Wyka said the Thursday Night Classic League will begin on Aug. 20, while the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday leagues will have meetings earlier that week. Among the discussions with league officers, team captains and members will be recommendations from the ISBPA, the USBC and the Ogle County Health Department regarding distancing and sanitation guidelines.

"We're doing the best we can for everybody's health," Wyka said. "My wife has been on the phone with the Ogle County Health Department constantly and we're always asking questions about what we can and cannot do and how we can keep our equipment clean."

See BOWL page 3

(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Bowling centers around the state, including Rochelle's T-Byrd Lanes, will be able to operate at a greater capacity after the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association settled with the state to loosen restrictions. The new guidelines allow bowling centers to operate at the lesser of 50 percent capacity or 200 patrons.



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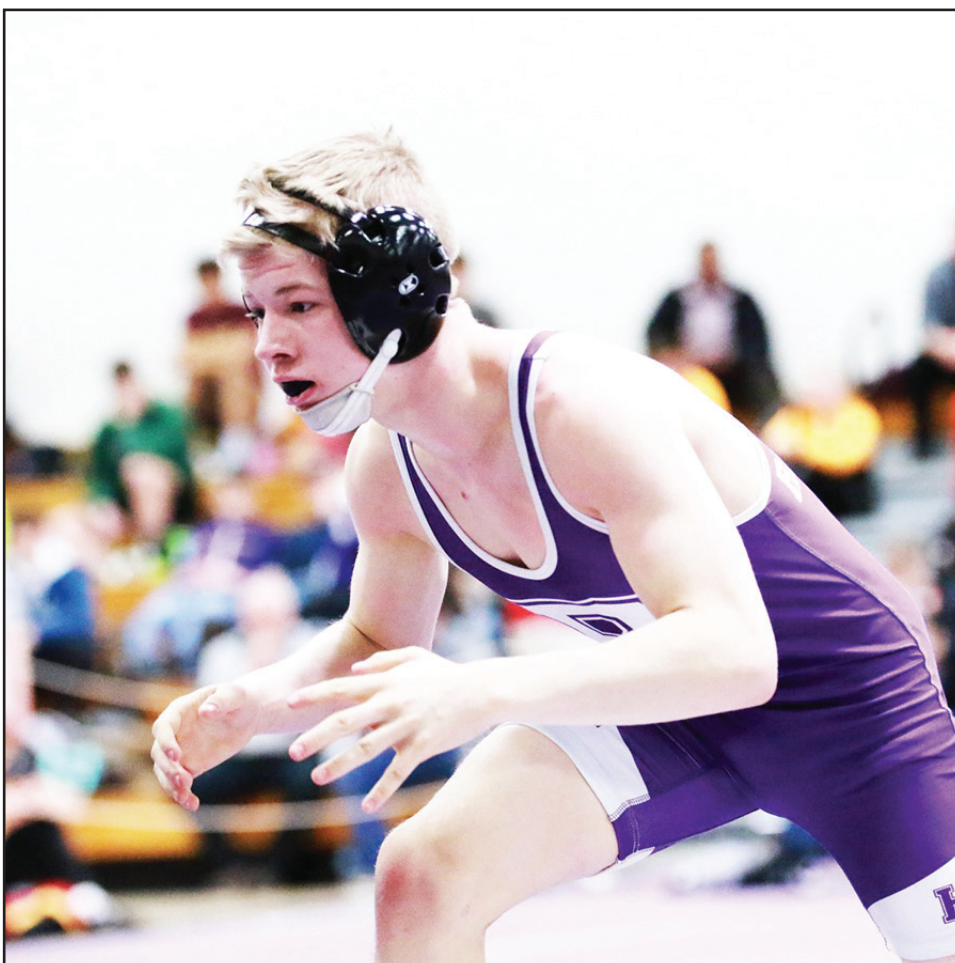
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rising junior Caleb Nadig won over 30 matches in his first season with the Rochelle Township High School wrestling team. Nadig will be a top contributor for the Hubs when they return to the mat next season.

Nadig eyes state title after impressive first season with Hubs

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

WRESTLING standout Caleb Nadig wasted no time ingratiating himself with the Rochelle Township High School varsity program. Nadig didn't need long to emerge as an instant-impact starter for the Hubs either, winning over 30 matches and bringing home not only an Interstate 8 Conference Championship, but an IHSA 2A Regional Championship as well.

Nadig, who wrestled his first high school season at Boylan Catholic, went 32-8 in his first campaign with the Hubs this past winter. An IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship qualifier, Nadig has already competed in multiple tournaments this summer, recently finishing fifth in the RMN Events USA Nationals event and winning four bouts at the Cheesehead Apocalypse.

"I thought I performed pretty well this past season," Nadig said. "I definitely improved from my freshman year. I thought I did a good job of maintaining my weight and not letting that be

a hindrance. I'd like to take my wrestling to another level next season, both technically and mentally, while having the grit to pull out more tough matches. Our team performed really well and everybody gave their best effort, which was awesome to see."

The oldest of five boys who all wrestle for Rochelle programs, Nadig will return to the Hubs next season as a two-time IHSA 2A Sectional qualifier and a leading contributor from a varsity group that went 18-4 this past winter. Nadig fell a little short of the state meet as a sophomore, but the rising junior said his goal is to bring home a state title next winter.

"I'm shooting for a state title next year because I think I have that capability," Nadig said. "I'll need to consistently work in practice and during workouts to sharpen my physical and mental skills. I'll also need to absorb any extra technique on the mat that I can. As a team, we did a great job of encouraging and lifting each other up through tough times. It would be good if we can get a bit meaner about our approach to matches because wrestling is a tough sport."



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GOLF: Thiravong gearing up for senior season at RTHS

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"While playing Sandy Hollow against Natalie, my key to victory was playing my own game and staying relaxed," Thiravong said. "Because Natalie could crush her ball much farther than mine, it was clear that I should play my game rather than trying to keep up with her long shots... To win any competition, a player must first have confidence in himself or herself, the motivation to improve and the ambitious mentality to say, 'I will win this tournament.'"

On Sunday, Thiravong started strong against the No. 2 seed Dofflemeyer, taking a two-hole advantage into the final three holes and hanging on to win the first Championship Flight at the Greater Rockford Women's Classic of her career. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 sea-

son has already been a prosperous one for Thiravong, who won the Ogle County Junior Championship and the Rockford Junior Tournament at Ingersoll earlier this summer.

"At Aldeen, golfers need to know where they want to hit and precisely execute that exact shot in order to play well and keep up with the competition," Thiravong said. "Hui Chong does exactly that. She knows where to hit, how to complete it and when to pack in the pressure extremely well. In the end, it was keeping a level head and seeking out every open shot I could for a lead in the competition... Confidence is a mindset built from years of practice and competition against players much stronger than I am. Therefore, the win at Aldeen is just one stepping stone in my life to becoming the best golfer and competitor I can be."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle senior Megan Thiravong has enjoyed a strong summer season, with the 2020 Greater Rockford Women's Classic serving as the latest of her victories as she prepares for her final high school season.

BOWL: Local leagues begin later this month

From page 1

While adult leagues will start on schedule, Wyka said he's waiting on direction from local school districts before making decisions regarding the High School League, Youth League and Bumper League, all of which take place on Saturday mornings from late summer through late spring. Wyka said the number of adult bowlers signed up for local leagues hasn't wavered much despite the ongoing pandemic.

"Our youth leagues normally don't start until October, so we still have a couple of months," Wyka said. "I'm waiting to see what the schools do because, if the kids aren't going to school, I'm not sure if we'd want them coming here in large groups because it may be harder to get them to wear masks. I'm watching to see what the schools do and what the health department says. If high school bowling will be allowed, then I'll have our High School League."

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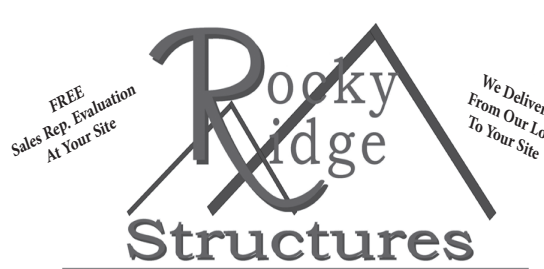
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LEE County, 155 +- Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Brooklyn Rd., South of IL Rt#38 and Thorpe Rd. South of Perry Rd.

Auction Location: This auction will be held at Bearrows Auction Center, at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

Parcel 1 Description: (Brooklyn Rd) This is an approx. 75 Acre parcel with frontage on Brooklyn Road, and is a highly productive parcel. Primary soil types include Elburn & Drummer. The PI for this parcel is approx. 143 and has no buildings included.

Parcel 2 Description: (Thorpe Rd.) This is an approx. 80 acre parcel with frontage on Thorpe Road, and is also highly production, without buildings. Soils include Normandy & Fella with a PI# 127.5 - This too is a highly productive parcel.

Henert Trust & Brian Henert – Owners

Thursday September 17th, 2020

10:00 AM

Ogle County, 40 Acres with Cattle Facility & Home

Land Location: , 7842 S Daysville Rd., Oregon IL

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.

Auction Location: This auction will be held on site at 7842 S Daysville Rd., Oregon IL. Watch for Bearrows Real Estate & Auction signs off Flagg Blacktop & Daysville Rd.

Parcel 1 Description: This 40 acres (28.16 Tillable) with a cattle set up for approx. 1800 head of cattle has many features including a very nice 2 story home with 5 bedrooms, full basement, and updated with many updates including a new steel lifetime roof, and heated with an electric boiler hot water heat. Most all buildings have had roof updates in the last 3 years. An Artesian well provides the water source to all cattle buildings and home. Outbuildings include a 65x532 Hoop barn feed lot with Scrape alley, 72x156 Hoop barn with concrete floor; 72x154 Hoop barn with Scrape alley; Two of the buildings built in 2013 & 2014 with the third being built in 2010. All buildings have fence line bunks, automatic waterers, lights, fans etc... The facility also has a Concrete manure storage area at the end of largest building. 40x60 holding pen building; 54x117 machine shed with grain liner, 60x90 Machine shed with 45x60 heated shop, overhead door from shop into machine shed, slider doors from machine shed to outside. 2-Grain bins with drying floors totaling approx. 12000 Bu. - Owner currently contract feeds cattle, and could arrange for the new owner to continue with same contract if so desired and agreeable with current investor group.

Rogers Feedlot Inc. – Owners

Saturday September 19th, 2020

10:00 AM

Ogle County Farm Land – 147 Acres MOL Bare Land

Land Location: , Meridian Rd. South of IL Rt#38

For more information, contact Auctioneer John Bearrows at 815-562-5113 or 815-739-9150.

Auction Location: This auction will be held off site at Bearrows Auction Center, at 10786 E Fowler Rd., Rochelle IL 61068

Parcel 1 Description: This is an approx. 78 Acre parcel which will have a 30ft strip (owned, not an easement) across the North portion of parcel 2, thus having access off Meridian Road. Primary Soil types are 198 Drummer, 488A, 440A and 125 Selma The PI for this parcel is approx. 137.5 and is a very highly productive farm.

Parcel 2 Description: This is an approx. 69 Acre +- parcel with frontage on Meridian Road. Soil types include 198A, 152 A and 199A. The PI# for this tract is approx. 137.5 and also is a very highly productive farm.

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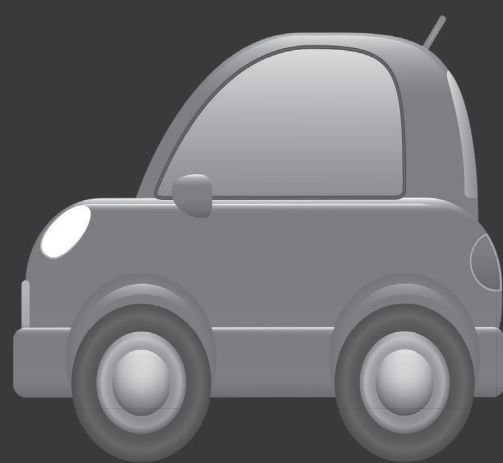
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A warmer July with more rain and storms in Illinois

CHAMPAIGN — A warmer than normal summer season continued in July with temperatures nearly 2 degrees above average, according to Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford at the University of Illinois' Illinois State Water Survey. Precipitation was also above normal in July.

The preliminary statewide average July temperature was 77.2 degrees, 1.8 degrees above the 30-year normal. Preliminary statewide average total precipitation for July was 5.79 inches, 1.71 inches wetter than normal.

Elevated temperatures and abundant humidity were caused by persistent atmospheric flow from the Gulf of Mexico and actively transpiring crops. Overall, July temperatures ranged from the mid-70s in northern

Illinois to the mid-80s in southern Illinois, between 1 and 5 degrees above average.

The hot and humid conditions led to a very active month for severe weather. The NOAA Storm Prediction Center reported 10 tornado, 22 hail, and 154 wind reports in Illinois during July. Although areas of the state needed the rain that accompanied severe thunderstorms, several producers reported widespread crop damage from hail and strong winds.

Precipitation

July was wetter than normal for most of the state, and areas of central and southeast Illinois received 4 to 6 inches more than the average July rainfall. Heavy rain in these regions alleviated the acute dry conditions



that continued from June and the first half of July.

July total precipitation ranged from over 13 inches in central and eastern Illinois to less than 2 inches in the northeast. Single-day precipitation total records were broken

at 88 stations across the state. Five of those stations broke the July all-time daily precipitation records.

The Peoria airport station recorded 5.15 inches in just six hours on July 15, marking the highest

six-hour rainfall total on record in Peoria. Twenty-four-hour rainfall totals from this event exceeded 6 inches in parts of Tazewell and Woodford counties, resulting in widespread flash flooding in agricultural and residential areas.

Last month was also the wettest July on record at Casey in Clark County, Minonk in Woodford County, and Clay City in Clay County.

Outlooks

Although the heat is moderate at the beginning of August, short-term 8- to 14-day outlook from the NOAA Climate Prediction Center suggest elevated odds of above normal temperatures in the second week of August. The state also has slightly elevated odds of wetter than normal conditions over the same time period.

Despite the short-term outlook, one-month outlooks indicate elevated odds of below normal temperatures for the month of August, with the strongest odds of near-normal precipitation.

Farm bureau backing two bills to help small meat and poultry plants

HERE we are steaming towards the end of summer. Except for the heat it really hasn't felt like summer. All the "shelter-in-place" took the fun out of the season. I guess I'll just call this the lost summer of Ron. Of course, you can put anyone's name in there and it would be appropriate.

For months now we continue to read about all of the effects this virus has had on everything from barbershops to farmers. One thing about it – it doesn't discriminate.

Early on when meat processors were shutting down because of the toll the virus took on its workforce livestock were backing up on farms with no place to go. The system wasn't broke, but it needed some repair. Today we are somewhat back to normal, but who knows what tomorrow, or the virus, will bring.

Because of this glitch in the food system farm bureau became involved in trying to find a fix. This didn't require a wrench set and hammer, it required negotiation and examination. And with

that we finally have something moving that may bear fruition.

Farm bureau is backing two recently introduced bills that would help more small meat and poultry plants sell their products in other states and better meet nationwide demand for beef, chicken and turkey.



Ron Kern

Introduced on July 2, the Requiring Assistance to Meat Processors for Upgrading Plants (RAMP-UP) Act would establish a program to make facility upgrade and planning grants to existing meat and poultry processors to help them move to federal inspection, which will allow them to sell their products across state lines. The legislation would also require USDA to work with states and report on ways to improve the existing Cooperative Interstate Shipment program.

As Congress looks at ways to make our food system more resilient for farmers and ranchers and for consumers, the American Farm Bureau Federa-

tion appreciates Chairman Peterson and Representatives Lucas and Fortenberry and others for introducing this bill to increase meat and poultry processing capacity. At the same time as this bill will help more processing facilities attain federal inspection status and ensure producers have a market for their poultry and livestock, it also ensures the safety and abundance of the food supply.

Also in the House, the Direct Interstate Retail Exemption for Certain Transactions (DIRECT) Act (H.R. 7425) would allow state inspected meat to be sold across state lines, but only through e-commerce. The bill would allow small producers and processors an additional option to directly market to consumers.

Specifically, the bill would amend the retail exemption under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow processors, butchers or other retailers to sell normal retail quantities (300 pounds of beef, 100 pounds of pork, 27.5 pounds of lamb) of state inspected meat online to consum-

ers across state lines.

The legislation would also maintain traceability of sales easily accessed in the event of a recall; allow retail sales to consumers, minimizing the risk for further processing in export and keeping equivalency agreements with trading partners intact; and allow states operating under the Cooperative Interstate Shipping system to ship and label as they are currently.

Small, state-inspected processors have filled the void for many producers this year when larger plants shut down. The DIRECT Act would allow state inspected plants to sell their product direct to consumers across state lines. This presents a new opportunity for producers to reach consumers directly through online sales. Consumers wishing to directly order a steak from any State would be able to do just that.

The DIRECT Act was sponsored by Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Henry Cuellar (D-Texas).

Last month we lost a true talent in Charlie Daniels. I can say I've

listened joyfully to the old southerner belt out some great tunes. So here's to you Charlie...

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"And be a simple kind of man

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this for me, son, if you can"

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