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Plans set for Fourth

ROCHELLE — There will be plenty of fun Thursday on the Fourth of July in the "Hub City," including a parade in the morning and activities, food, music and fireworks at Cooper and Atwood parks later in the day and evening.

The parade will kickoff in downtown Rochelle at 10 a.m. Thursday. The route begins at Lincoln Highway and will travel through downtown before turning right on Lincoln Avenue,

right on Ninth Street, left on 10th Avenue and end near Atwood Park.

Beginning at 5 p.m. the City of Rochelle and the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District will be providing music, food and family fun events



(NEWS-LEADER FILE PHOTO)

the fireworks.

Residents are reminded that the bike path extension to the west of 20th Street will be closed on the Fourth as the Rochelle Fire Department will be setting up for the fireworks.

at Cooper Park for several hours leading up to the fireworks.

"The popular local band Soapstone will play at 5 p.m. and we will have bounce houses for kids, and food for everyone, inclduing Ralfie's BBQ and El Senor de los Tacos," said Jenny Thompson, director of marketing for the City of Rochelle.

The Rochelle Municipal Band will perform beginning at approximately 8 p.m. leading to the start of

Former commander arrested on alleged theft charges

Oregon VFW Post investigation began several years ago

OREGON — A former VFW post commander in Oregon has been arrested on charges of theft following an investigation to stolen funds that began several

On March 9, 2017 Oregon Police responded to a possible theft at the Oregon VFW Post 8739. It was determined that a series of thefts had occurred over a several month period during 2016.

After a lengthy investigation and consultation with the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office a warrant for several counts of theft was issued on June 27 for Rusty L. Barnes, 47, Davis Junction. Barnes had been in the position of Commander of the Oregon VFW Post 8739 during the time the alleged thefts occurred.

On June 28, deputies from the Ogle County Sheriff's Department arrested Barnes at his home after serving the warrant. Barnes was transported to the Ogle County Jail with bail set at \$10,000, of which 10 percent applies.

Barnes is being charged with five counts of theft of \$500 to \$10,000 (a Class 3 felony) and two counts of theft of \$10,000 to \$100,000 (a Class 2 felony).

Conviction of a class 3 felony is punishable by two to five years' imprisonment, while a conviction for a class 2 felony can result in a prison term of three to seven years.

In court on June 28, Barnes was given a \$10,000 recognizance bond and a preliminary hearing was set for July 31 in Ogle County court.

The age to buy tobacco is now 21

Tobacco 21 reduces medical costs and improves Illinois' health

SPRINGFIELD – Effective July 1, 2019, people must now be at least 21-years-old to buy to bacco in Illinois, including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vapes.

Governor JB Pritzker signed the initiative, known as Tobacco 21, on April 7, 2019. Illinois was the 7th state in the U.S. (tied with Virginia) to implement raising the tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21 years.

"I'm so proud that Illinois became the first state in the Midwest to raise the purchase age for tobacco to 21," said Gov. Pritzker. "This law will reduce costs for our state, make our schools and communities healthier places to learn and live, and most importantly, will save lives. I am grateful to Senate President John Cullerton and our legislators in the General Assembly, as well as all of the advocates and organizations who made this critical legislation possible."

"Once again, we've seen the dif-

ference Governor Pritzker brings to office," said Senate President John Cullerton. "He too recognizes this as a vital public health improvement that

protects our children from a known

danger and hopefully spares many from a lifetime of addiction and health problems."

About 4,800 Illinois teens become new daily smokers each year. In 2016,

15.8 percent of Illinois adults smoked, resulting in an estimated 18,300 deaths each year associated with tobacco use. In 2017, 7.6 percent of high school students smoked on at least one day in the past 30 days.

"Nicotine is addictive, and adolescents and young adults are more susceptible to its effects because their brains are still developing," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Delaying the age when youth first try tobacco can help reduce the probability that they will smoke as an adult. Raising the purchasing age will not only help reduce the number of people who smoke, but will also reduce medical costs in Illinois and make our communities healthier."

Tobacco 21 will help keep tobacco out of high schools. Most underage tobacco users rely on social sources like friends and family to get tobacco. Approximately 90 percent of those who supply cigarettes to minors are themselves, under the age of 21.

National data indicate about 95 percent of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21. According to a study from the National Academy of Medicine, Tobacco 21 policies could reduce overall smoking by 12 percent by the time today's teenagers become adults. The biggest decrease in tobacco use could be among youth ages 15-17 (25 percent) and 18-20 (15 percent).

Smoking-related health care costs in the U.S. are estimated at almost \$5.5 billion annually, with another \$5.3 billion lost due to smoking-related losses in productivity.

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Making a splash

Pool facility work continues

BY RUSSELL HODGES STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE — The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District took an important step forward in its plan to improve Spring Lake Pool during Monday's board meeting at Rochelle City Hall.

The board approved an \$80,000 bid from Fehr Graham for landscaping and engineering work at the Spring Lake Pool facilities. The park district received \$310,600 via the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Program earlier this year, and the grant will help fund the \$620,000 project to improve facilities at Spring Lake Pool.

"We're still awaiting final documents from the state, but to move forward with landscaping and engineering, we needed to give Fehr Graham some time to prepare for the projects we'll be putting together," executive director Jackee Ohlinger said. "We wanted to go ahead and start the process and we approved the bid to work with Fehr Graham."

Renovations include a new splash pad, updated wading pool and water features, bathhouse improvements and replacement of the diving boards. Shade structures on the pool deck and 15 new parking spaces near the entrance to the facility are also included in the renovation project. The majority of work will begin when the 2019 swim season concludes

The OSLAD Grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which sent officials to Rochelle in November 2018 after the park district applied for the grant in October 2018. The IDNR awarded the grant to the park district in January 2019.

on Labor Day.

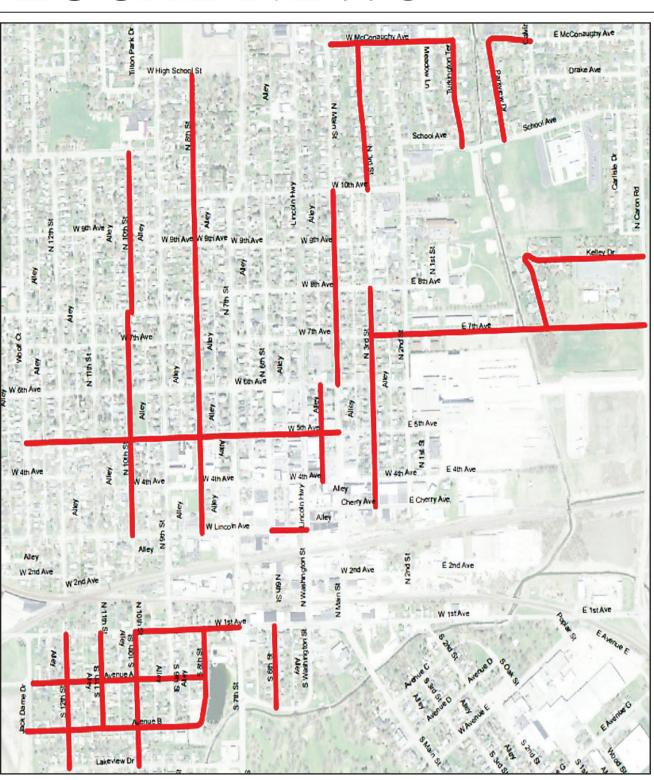
Kids Ground

The park district board revealed that the new Kids Ground at Cooper Park will be opened to the public on Thursday, July 4.

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Seal coat project to begin July 8 in several areas of Rochelle

ROCHELLE – The City of Rochelle's Sealcoat Project is set for July 8-10, resulting in periodic lane closures in several areas.

Please use caution while traveling through construction zones

and pay close attention to traffic control devices and flaggers. No parking signage will be posted.

As a result of the 10-year capital plan to address maintenance requirements, numerous

streets and roadways have been identified for maintenance. The application of a seal coat surface treatment is a cost effective way to maintain and preserve the life of these streets.



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Still time to enter to win trip before July deadline

ROCHELLE — Everyone needs a little rest and relaxation time away, and the Rochelle News-Leader wants to help.

Each June the News-Leader offers a special discounted subscription drive for readers, along with a fantastic trip giveaway drawing for one lucky winner.

For the second

straight year the prize

is an exciting \$1,000 getaway to Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena,

which includes three days and two nights accommodations, a generous gift card to be used anywhere at the resort, cash for shopping or the casino and

a gas card to get there.

"In the past we offered an impressive vacation stay at a resort near Disney World in Florida, but that didn't include travel or fun money," explained News-Leader publisher John Shank. "We decided we wanted to provide a more regional getaway trip that could be all expenses paid, and we think Eagle Ridge is a perfect option.'

Eagle Ridge Resort offers guests top-notch rooms and amenities, including a deluxe spa, several championship golf courses, relaxing pools and dining choices right on site. Plus the resort is close to the unique Galena shopping experience and three casinos just down the road near Dubuque.

"On a couple of occasions with our Florida trip giveaway we had winners who couldn't accept the prize because they were unable to travel for one reason or another," Shank added. "With this trip, it's only a couple hours away on a scenic drive and includes enough money to pay for most of the trip, depending on whether two or four people go."

Easy to enter

Entry form flyers are available at the News-Leader office or they can be cut out of the giveaway promo ad on page 2 of today's edition of the News-Leader. Bright yellow colored entry form flyers will also be mailed out to homes soon and inserted into an upcoming edition of the News-Leader. After completing the form,

please drop it off at the News-Leader office (located at 211 IL Route 38 East or mail it in at P.O. Box 46, Rochelle).

"We have received a good response from this annual drawing and I encourage everyone to fill out their entry form and return it to the News-Leader office by Friday, July 12 deadline," Shank said. "We will pull out the winning name at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 15 and announce it that day."

Subscription special

Now is also a great time to purchase a new subscription or extend your current subscription to the News-Leader at a great low price so you can receive your local hometown news delivered right to your door three times per week.

"We have a 12-month or a 6-month offer," Shank added. "This promotion not only offers a chance to win a terrific vacation prize, but also lower discounted subscription rates."

The News-Leader provides a wide variety of local news, community events, feature articles and photos, personality profiles, opinions, columns, church happenings, sports coverage, special sections and valuable display and insert advertising.

In addition, all print subscribers automatically receive full free access to the News-Leader's comprehensive website, including the E-Edition.

E-mail notifications now go out to all subscribers when the E-edition has been uploaded and when there is important breaking news, so readers can get their latest hometown news earlier than ever.

"We are working hard with our print and digital products to be your daily news source and provide you with the local news you want to know and in the manner you want to read it," Shank said. "If you haven't subscribed to the News-Leader in a while give it a try. I'm confident you will enjoy receiving your hometown newspaper delivered right to your home, but will also appreciate our new website that is updated every day with important local news and features."

High Performer July 2019



Joe Wasniak *Per Mar Security Site Supervisor*

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"Joe often introduces himself to patients and talks to them to help make them feel more secure as well. Joe is always alert to his surroundings and always on the lookout to keep our staff safe. He is very proactive from the time he starts his shift."



Pictured here from left to right are Dennis Swinton, David Hayes, Doug Zuehl, Joaquin Torres, Chuck Slater, AJ Parker, Culver's General Manager Jody Dulceak, Bud Norcross, Jay Byrd and Ken Stoll.

Masons raise funds for Shriner's Hospital

Culver's hosts event that will benefit children

ROCHELLE — Members of the Rochelle Masonic Lodge worked at Culver's on June 12 from 5-8 p.m. greeting and serving patrons as part of a fundraising effort.

The lodge earned nearly \$500 during the share-the-profit event and the proceeds were sent to the Shiner's

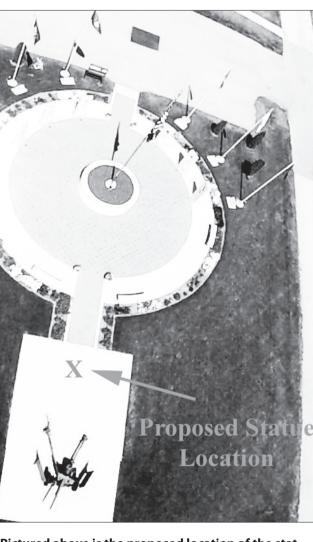
Hospital for Children.

"The lodge members would like to thank Culver's and especially Jody Dulceak for their assistance and generosity," said Rochelle Mason Bud Norcross.

Shriners International, a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the

Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, founded Shriners Hospital for Children as its official philanthropy in 1922.

What began as one hospital is now a world-renowned health care system with locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The fraternity, which has nearly 200 Shrine Temples in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world, continues to support this unique health care system with specialties in pediatric care, innovative research and offering outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.



Pictured above is the proposed location of the statue at the veterans memorial at Lawnridge cemetery (marked by the X).

Goal nearing completion for statue project

ROCHELLE—Fundraising for the statue honoring veterans at the Lawnridge Cemetery has been proceeding at a steady pace with pledges now at 80 percent of the final goal.

A heartfelt thanks to all those who have donated or pledged to this project. This statue will be the first piece of bronze art in the City of Rochelle and will be situated at Lawnridge Cemetery in the location shown in the photo. The City of Rochelle will install a new slab just south of the cannon. The cannon will be moved to this location, opening up an area for the statue as shown in the photo.

The statue will be a soldier in modern uniform in a reverent position, holding the helmet. The plan is to put in the slab this summer, have the statue molded, sculptured by local artist, Fran Volz, and finished by the spring of 2020, installation of the pedestal by May of 2020 and final installation in time for a ceremony on Memorial Day 2020.

For those wishing to pledge or donate, forms are available at Rochelle VFW Post 3878 or online at the City of Rochelle website, www.cityofrochelle.net.

This is an opportunity to participate in the development of a truly fine piece of bronze art that honors veterans in the City of Rochelle.



Pictured is a preliminary rendering of the statue. The final version will have the soldier holding his helmet.





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Fall registration in progress at Kishwaukee College

Classes set to begin Aug. 19

MALTA — Kishwaukee College registration for the Fall 2019 semester is currently in progress. Fall classes begin Aug. 19. Kishwaukee College is proud to offer over 250 courses this fall. With over 70 degrees and certificate

programs, a brand new Hospitality & Culinary program, 5 transfer degrees, online classes, and small class sizes, Kish has a variety of ways to support a variety of educational goals. Current Kishwaukee

College students can

register online through myKC or visit the Student Services Office, room C2100, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person registration with a photo ID. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor before registering. Visit www.kish.edu/advising for more information. Student Services will also be holding a special Saturday Registration on Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuition is due on July 30 for students registered

from April 8 – July 29 and is due Aug. 15 for students registered from July 30 – Aug. 14. Students must have a completed financial aid file or sign up for a payment plan or pay in full by the tuition due date to avoid being dropped from their courses. New students must

complete a Student Information Form before registering. Apply for admissions at www.kish. edu/getstarted or contact Student Services at 815-825-9375 or at onestop@ kish.edu.

PARK: Recreation center project moving forward

From page 1

Construction on the new playground began June 20, with many community members, including Rochelle Township High School student-athletes, taking part in piecing the project together. Additional volunteers for the project included State Representative Tom Demmer and businesses such as State Farm, Bayer and IlliniCare.

"We're really excited about the project," Ohlinger said. "It was a great experience and we're really proud of all the volunteers who worked really hard. We completed about 95 percent of the work in six days. We still have some things we'll be adding to the playground throughout the summer since some pieces came from the manufacturer incorrectly."

Bonds

The park district board received word that the \$14 million in bonds issued to fund the community center will have an interest rate of only 3.25 percent as opposed to the projected 5 percent rate. The lower interest rates are good news for the park district, which stated the board will review bids for work at the construction site during its July 22 meeting at City Hall. "Interest rates are lower

than we conservatively estimated during our presentations prior to the vote in April," Ohlinger said. "We're really happy with moving forward on the community center this summer. We'll be breaking ground in August, and the building will take 12-to-14 months to complete. Exciting things will be happening at Jones Road and Ninth Street."

Locals named to Dean's list

AURORA — Aurora University congratulates the more than 1,100 undergraduate students who earned Dean's List honors for the spring





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Local students include Maximillian Basler, of Rochelle, studying criminal justice; and Annette Gonzalez*, of Rochelle, studying pre-teacher education.

2019 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (*) have earned a perfect 4.0. Students included on the Dean's List completed a minimum of 12 semester hours for a letter grade in the term.

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Obituaries

Pat Crawford

MARENGO — Pat Crawford, 87, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2019 at the Valley

Hi Nursing Home in Woodstock. Pat was

born on Dec. 23, 1931 in Salina, Kansas,

the daughter of Mom and Lewie Johannes. She married Jack Crawford on Nov. 9, 1950 in Salina, Kansas. He preceded her in death on April 9, 2010. Together, Pat and Jack

raised six children in Streamwood, Jerry (Sandie) Crawford, Rick (Jeanie) Crawford, Julie (Steve) Meyer, Steve (Jeanne) Crawford, Rita (Jim) Feltes, and Stacey (Jim) Karr. They were blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-granchildren. In addition to her par-

ents, Pat is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Crawford, and son, Rick Crawford. The family would like

to extend a special thank you for the loving care that was provided by the staff at

Valley Hi Nursing Home.

A Funeral Mass will be take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 323 N. Taylor St. in Marengo with Father William Antillon officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Cremation care will be provided after the Mass. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

A memorial has been established. Please visit www.UngerHorner. com to sign the online guest book.

George Mueller Jr.

ROCHELLE

George H. Mueller Jr., 71, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Rochelle Communi-

ty Hospital. George was born on Jan. 11, 1948 to George H. Sr. and Drusella

(Pickrign) Mueller in Laona, Wisconsin. He married Barbara Sue Coleman on Aug. 4, 1975 in Oregon. He worked for Road Ready Transfer as an over the road truck driver for 30 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Rueben.

George is survived by his wife of 43 years, Barbara of Rochelle; five children, Dale Mueller, Kevin (Lisa) Chrisco, Teresa (Terry) Dodillet all of Rochelle, Tina (Darrin) Lawrence of Steward, and Melissa (Christopher) Reynolds of Rochelle; two sisters, Frieda (Dean) Kristler of Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, and Lela (Bill) Pemberton of Rochelle; sister-in-law, Teresa Mueller of Rochelle; 13 grandchildren, Mason Mueller, Chalee Grace Mueller, Michael Sunderlin, Heather (Kyle) Arreguin, Kaite Chrisco, Britany Miller, Allysha Chrisco, Brion Chrisco,

Stevie Dodillet, Clarissa Dodillet, Amber Lawrence. Corey Lawrence and Zackary Lawrence; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3 at the First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St., Rochelle The funeral will be at 3 p.m. at the church with Pastor Corey Gilliam officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle.

Memorials may be made in George's memory to Juvenile Diabetic Association. Visit www.ungerhorner.comto sign the online

Charles Sutton

CHANA—Charles "Bud" H. Sutton, 87, passed away Monday, July 1, 2019 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

er-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. A celebration of life will be held at a

Cremation care provided by Ung-

later date with a full obituary to follow.

Jose Virto

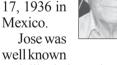
and grandfather.

loving and devoted father

Jose is survived by four

ROCHELLE — Jose F. Virto, 82, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2019, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in

Rockford. He was born Aug. 17, 1936 in Mexico.



and liked throughout the

Rochelle area. He was a

children, Frankie Virto, Miguel Virto, Yolanda Virto, and Reyna Virto, all of Rochelle; and four grandchildren, Mirella Cevada, Charlie Macias, Addison Virto, and Ever-

> A Funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 5 at St. Patrick

ett Virto.

Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Dr. in Rochelle with Father Ruben Herrera officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass at the church. Interment will follow in St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Rochelle.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Please visit www.UngerHorner. com to sign the online guest book.

TOBACCO: Alternative nicotine products also effected

From page 1

In addition to prohibiting the sale and sample distribution of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products to individuals under age 21, the law:

Requires tobacco and e-cigarette retailers to update all posted signage required by Illinois law with

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the minimum sales age of 21 for tobacco products, tobacco accessories, alternative nicotine products, e-cigarettes, and e-liquids and solutions, regardless of whether they contain nicotine.

Requires tobacco and e-cigarette retailers to updateageverificationtraining programs for employees.

Specifies age verification requirements for retailers, requiring a person who appears to be under the age of 30 to show government-issued photo identification.

Clarifies penalties against retailers for violation of sales provisions - in a 24-month period, 1st offense - \$200; 2nd offense - \$400; 3rd offense - \$600; 4th or subsequent offense

- \$800.

Removes penalties for youthpossession of covered products, including fines (previously \$50-\$100) or attendance at a smoker's education or youth diversion program.

Smoking at an early age increases the risk of lung cancer. For most smoking-related cancers, the risk rises as the individual continues to smoke. Among young people, the shortterm health consequences of smoking include respiratory effects, addiction to nicotine, and the associated risk of using other drugs.

Currently, 16 states have raised the tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Po-

lice, the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit par-

ticular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.

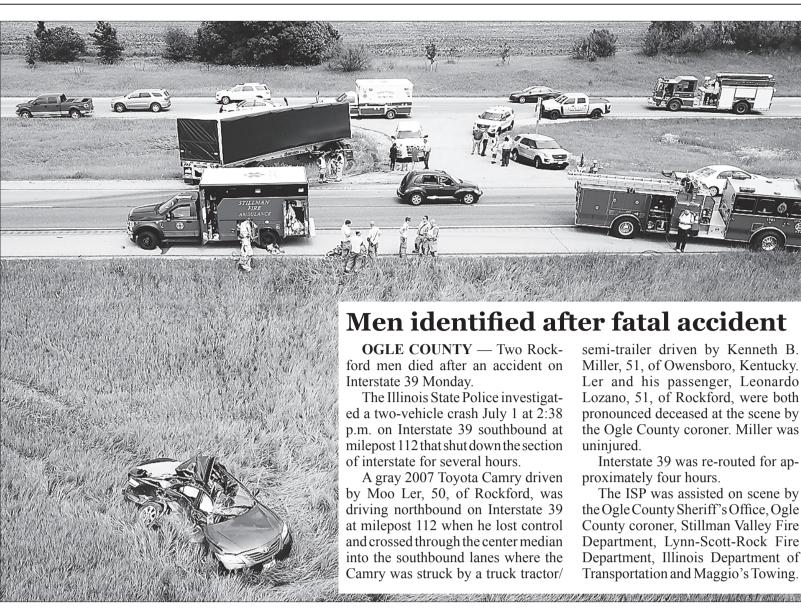
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Deputies arrest couple on DUI charges

On June 30 at approximately 11:01 a.m., Ogle County Sheriff's deputies performed a traffic stop on Lost Nation Road just into Lee County. After investigation, deputies placed Brandon Barber, 35, of Rochelle, under arrest for driving while license suspended. Barber was also issued citations for speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle. Barber was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On June 30 at approximately 12:18 a.m., deputies responded to a single vehicle accident at the intersection of East IL Route 72 and Marrill Road. After a short investigation, Michael Peterson and Dena Peterson were placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Michael was also issued citations

unlawful parking. Michael and Dena were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were released to correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

On June 28, the following people were arrested on outstanding Ogle County warrants:

Martin Chavez, 38, of DeKalb, for failure to Appear. Chavez has a bond of \$2,366 full cash and remains in the Ogle County Jail. Chavez was scheduled to appear in court July 1.

Jaime Carter, 38, of Oregon, for drug court sanctions. Carter has no bond and was scheduled to appear in court July 1.

Dan Knaub, 31, of Leaf River, for two separate warrants. The first one for failure to appear with a \$350 full cash and the second one for petition to revoke probation. Knaub

probation warrant. Knaub will appear in court on Aug. 12.

Rusty Barnes, 47, of Stillman Valley, for theft. Barnes was released on a \$10,000 recognizance bond and will appear in court on July 31.

June 29

On June 29 at 10:23 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at IL Route 64 and Chana Road. After a short investigation deputies arrested Nicholas W. Gillis, 41, of Big Rock, for DUI. Gillis was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

July 1

On July 1 at 6:30 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office along with the Monroe Center, Davis Junction and Kirkland Fire Department ambulances that a Hyundai driven by Tommie Roberts, 58, of Cortland, had been traveling south on Mulford Road and then failed to yield after stopping at the IL Route 72 intersection. As a result, the Hyundai was struck by a eastbound Chevrolet van driven by Rogelio Guerra, 37, of Belvidere. Roberts was transported by ambulance to Kishwaukee Hospital and Guerra was transported by ambulance to OSF Saint Anthony Hospital. The injuries to Roberts

and Guerra appeared to

be minor and non life threatening. Roberts was cited for failure to yield.

July 2

On July 2 at approximately 12:33 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of North Meridian Road for an equipment violation. After a short investigation deputies arrested Eric Post, 26, of Byron, for driving while license suspended. Post was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of

Woman cited for no license

On June 27 at 2:10 p.m., Rochelle police cited Maria Martinez-Hernandez, 39, of Rochelle, for no valid driver's license. She posted an I-bond.

On June 27 at 10:48 p.m., Rochelle police cited Donte Perea Jr., 18, of Sycamore, for speeding. He posted a promise to comply.

On June 28 at 12:32 p.m., Rochelle police cited Joseph Stofflett, 20, of Rochelle, for disobeying a traffic control device. He posted an I-bond. On June 30 at 1:39

p.m., Rochelle police cited Abraham Ramos, 26, of Homestead, Florida, for disobeying a traffic control device and improper turn. He posted a promise to comply.

On June 30 at 11:36 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Ashely Martinez, 25, of Rochelle, for criminal damage to property. She posted an I-bond.

On July 1 at 1:54 p.m., Rochelle police cited Monica Mills, 46, of Rockford, for improper cell phone use. She posted a promise to comply.

On July 1 at 3:37 p.m., Rochelle police cited Keith Micklewright, 51, of Rockford, for improper passing. He posted an I-bond.

On July 2 at 9:55 a.m., Rochelle police cited Douglas Hopson, 33, of Rochelle, for cell phone use while driving. He posted a promise to comply.

responded to a two vehicle for improper lane usage posted the \$350 full cash crash at Mulford Road and and failure to reduce speed bond and was released on IL Route 72. Investiga-\$5,000 recognizance bond to avoid an accident. Dena tion by deputies revealed for the petition to revoke was issued a citation for IDNR public access program

hunting sites Hunting permit application deadline is Aug. 23

adds more archery deer

SPRINGFIELD-The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has announced applications are being accepted for archery deer hunting on private land this October through the Illinois Recreational Access Program. The application deadline for IRAP archery deer hunting opportunities is Aug. 23.

IRAP has more than 20,600 acres of private land leased for public access. At least 200 sites are available to the public for archery deer hunting for the month of October through IRAP in 30 counties, including Adams, Bureau, Calhoun, Christian, Clay, Coles, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Jasper, Jersey, Johnson, Lee, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, McDonough, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Pike, Pope, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, St. Clair, Wayne, Whiteside, and Williamson.

To participate, hunters must submit an application by Aug. 23 to be eligible for the IRAP archery deer drawing. Applicants must have passed a hunter safety course (if born in 1980 or after), have a valid hunting license, and choose whether they prefer to hunt October 1-15 or October 16-31. IRAP is open to both resident and non-resident hunters. Youth hunters are encouraged to apply and are given preference in the lottery when sites

"We are grateful to the landowners

who allow public access on their property through the Illinois Recreational Access Program and realize the importance of Illinois' hunting heritage," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "IRAP is a wonderful opportunity for us to partner with private landowners to provide for much-needed access for hunting and assist with improving the habitat on these private properties.

Applications for IRAP Archery Deer Hunting sites can be found online at https:// www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/ IRAP/Pages/Archery-Deer-Hunting.aspx

Successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately three weeks before their assigned hunting period. The notice will include the location of their hunting site, a site map, and an IRAP site permit.

The IRAP program is funded through a Voluntary Public Access Habitat Improvement Program grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. IRAP provides multiple public access opportunities, such as turkey, archery deer, small game, waterfowl, and upland bird hunting; pond and riverbank fishing; boat access on public waterways; and, access for hiking, birding and outdoor photography

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Not a good week for democracy

THIS past week wasn't a good one for democracy. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it's just fine with partisan gerrymandering. In fact, in its 5-4 deci-

went so far as to say that federal courts have no business

intervening if



boundaries. It doesn't get any more boneheaded than this.

After all, more often than not, when we step into the voting booth, we have no choice in candidates.

Back in 2016, I asked Ballotpedia to analyze 2016 Illinois election filing data. The organization found that in 67 percent of Illinois legislative districts the candidate, usually an incumbent, was unopposed.

Yes, you read that right. More than two-thirds of the time, voters have only one legislative candidate to "choose" from. And in the remaining one-third of districts, the opposition is usually nominal.

Candidates don't run because they know a person of their political party can't win in the district where they live.

In Illinois, this process of gerrymandering benefits Democrats. On the federal level, it tends to benefit Re-

But the group that most certainly doesn't benefit is

Gerrymandering is almost as old as the republic itself. Once upon a time, politicians would sit in smoke-filled rooms with pencils and maps and draw boundaries to their advan-

But now the process is far more sophisticated with computer programs using complex mathematical formulas and personal data on individual voters to predict voting behavior.

"Now you can essentially program an algorithm and have it produce 3,000

different maps in a matter of minutes and you can learn so much about someone with it out on the internet. You can get down to the block level and figure out someone's voting patterns over the years," said Madeleine Doubek, executive director of Change Illinois, a group that advocates for non-partisan maps in the Land of Lincoln.

As Republicans captured state legislatures around the country, they have been the primary beneficiaries. Aided by sophisticated software, they have drawn oddly shaped voting districts to favor their party's candidates.

For example, after the 2010 census Republicans drew the map in North Carolina. Even though the popular vote is nearly evenly divided between the two political parties, Republicans hold 10 of state's 13 Congressional seats.

In Illinois, the story is much the same, only the Democrats have drawn the legislative districts to their advantage. Doubek said even though there is strong support for non-partisan maps among rank-and-file lawmakers, legislative leaders such as House Speaker Mike Madigan will determine whether the reforms are ever voted upon.

It's a tough sell. After all, Madigan is a master of the dark art of drawing legislative district boundaries to ensure that he hangs onto a Democratic majority in the House – and his hold on power.

For decades, he and his minions have drawn legislative districts so craftily that in most races it's a foregone conclusion which party will represent a given

When districts are drawn in this manner, lawmakers shift their allegiances from the voters to the mapmaker. That is not good for a democracy.

Accountability to the voters is supposed to be the cornerstone of our system of government. With Supreme Court decisions such as this one, our society

After all, in a democracy, voters should decide.



VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

What is your opinion of the state doubling the current state gasoline tax from .19 cents to .38 cents per gallon in order to pay for road repairs?



"The reason we have taxes was to help pay for the first war. It was supposed to stop once the war stopped, but that did not happen."

Adam Brazee



"I think they are idiots, taxes are high enough now. We are losing enough business and people as is. Illinois will soon be like Michigan was 15 years ago."

Phil Hilliker



"There isn't a lot taxpayers can do about it. It should have been done a long time ago on a gradual basis, not all at once. You can't blame people for leaving when something like this happens."

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COMMUNITY

In memory



Serenity Hospice and Home hosted its annual butterfly release on June 29. Despite the heat, a record number of attendees released nearly 400 Monarch butterflies. This yearly symbolic event always draws a crowd with some families returning year after year to release a butterfly in memory of their loved one. This year, three patients from the Serenity Home came outside to enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful butterflies. Mary Ley from Aireloom Studios provided live music and the Navigator Group supplied cupcakes adorned with edible sugar butterflies. Pictured are Sandy McCammond and her granddaughter, Remy McCammond, who released a butterfly in memory of Sandy's husband and Remy's grandfather.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 3 Jenna Feltes July 4 Alex Torres July 6 Billie Bonilla Dena Koker Jim & Connie McAnly (28) Bob & Violet Hay (62)

July 7 Tarah Wooten Vallory Lopez July 8 Jazmene Carpenter July 12 Zach Walker Gene Messer Thayde Sullivan Danica Thompson

CALENDAR

Wed., July 3

1:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednes-

Thu., July 4
10 a.m. — The City of Rochelle Fourth of July parade will be held, beginning in downtown Rochelle and ending at Cooper/Atwood Park.

7 p.m. — "Peace for your Heart" AL-ANON meeting is held each Thursday at Hicks Hall in Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave. (every Thursday)

7:30 p.m. — The Rochelle City Band concert series continues in the Atwood Park Band Shell. The Rochelle City Band plays a blend of traditional concert literature including marches and overtures, and medleys of musicals and more contemporary music. Concerts are held Wednesday evenings at Atwood Park.

Mon., July 8
5 to 6 p.m.— Rochelle
Christian Community free Monday supper for all in need. The supper is served at St. Patrick Parish Center, 244 Kelley

6:30 p.m. – Group Hope meets in the RCH Health & Wellness Center Conference Room. Provides support with depression and bipolar disorder. Affiliated with the Rock River Mental Health Association. (every Monday)

Wed., July 10

1:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning



FROM THE HEART **DAILY CASH WINNERS**

June 26 - Don Stebbins, Amboy, \$25

June 27 - Mindy Lange, Rochelle, \$25

June 28 - Teresa Probasco, Stillman Valley, \$25

June 29 - FTH event purchase, Rochelle, \$25

June 30 - Emily Schabacker, Rochelle, \$50

July 2 - Sharon Watkins, DeKalb, \$25

July 1 - Jacob Meyers, Chana, \$25

July 3 - Curtis Furman, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednes-

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Thu., July 11 6:30 to 8 p.m. — NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will

host its monthly family support group at Faith Lutheran Church, 14206 E. Flagg Road. Groups are designed to provide support to participants using a structured support group model and is led by NAMI trained facilitators caring for individuals living with a mental health condition themselves. More information is available at namisaukarea.org.

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Thu., July 18

7 p.m. — The Rochelle Garden Club will meet at the Hub City Senior Center. Fran Volz, sculptor/artist, will be speaking to the club in regard to starting a topiary garden in Rochelle. All interested are welcome to attend.

Sat., July 20

8 a.m. — The monthly meeting of God Seekers will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. The featured program will be presented by Mike Chunko. He will be speaking on the subject of viewing the scenes behind the photographs. With his photography background, the program should be interesting. Ladies are always welcome and all are encouraged to bring a friend.

(Submit items for the Community Calendar to jsimmons@rochellenews-leader.com)

<u>Meetings</u>

Mon., July 8

6:30 p.m. — The Rochelle City Council will meet in regular session in council chambers at Rochelle City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Happy 4th of July

Coffee Break

King Crossword

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals L

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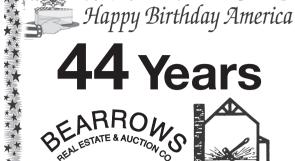


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Higher education official hopeful new funding will stem tide of student outmigration

BY JERRY NOWICKI

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SPRINGFIELD —

The interim director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education is hopeful a combination of added infrastructure and operations funding for state universities and colleges will help entice Illinois students to remain in the state for their college education.

The cause of the optimism is state budget action which provided \$154 million in new operations funding and \$3.2 billion in new or reappropriated infrastructure funding to higher education.

"Obviously, the universities are very happy. This will help take both the fiscal pressure off of them and help the universities and community colleges look more attractive," said Nyle Robinson, interim IBHE executive director.

Earlier this year, the IBHE reported that 48.4 percent of Illinois public high school graduates that enrolled in a four-year institution in 2017 chose an out-of-state school.

Robinson said he is hopeful the fiscal year 2020 budgetary action "It's going to allow ISAC to serve more students and make up some of the purchasing power that the program has lost over the years. Overall, this budget for higher education is going to make college possible for more Illinois students." **Nyle Robinson**

> of the purchasing power that the program has lost over the years," he said in

a statement. "Overall, this budget for higher education is going to make college possible for more Illinois students."

Robinson said universities from other states were able to lure Illinois students away by offering better financial aid, but the increase to MAP grants should help begin to counteract that trend. He added that AIM High grants, which provide merit-based scholarships for Illinois students, will

funding to \$35 million. "That program is just getting underway, but universities report that it is changing the perception, people are looking at our public universities again like they weren't before," Robinson said.

see \$10 million in added

funding, bringing the total

Higher education will

be among the beneficiaries of a new \$45 billion capital infrastructure plan as well. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the sixyear program into law last week, providing funding through sale of bonds and new revenues generated by an increase to the motor fuel tax and a massive gambling expansion among other measures.

Higher education will receive a \$3.2 billion portion of that money to pay for 72 projects at four-year institutions and 91 at community colleges.

Robinson said capital expenditures of this magnitude have been "almost nonexistent" since 2004, leading several campus buildings to slip into dilapidation across the state.

"One aspect of attracting students back to Illinois is when they see that the state is taking higher education seriously over an extended

period of time," he said. "When facilities start to run down and you go to other states and the facilities look shinier, Illinois is less attractive. So being able to have a capital plan which lasts six years, maybe longer, will definitely help."

The projects include \$15.8 million for a new nursing lab at Chicago State University, \$118.8 million for a new science building at Eastern Illinois University, \$89 million for renovations of Illinois State University's Milner Library and \$83 million for a communications building at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale among several others.

In capital funds, the University of Illinois system will receive \$815 million, Southern Illinois \$295 million, Western Illinois \$222 million, Illinois State \$195 million, Eastern Illinois \$147 million, Northern Illinois \$140 million, Northeastern Illinois \$132 million, Chicago State University \$119 million and Governors State \$33

Community colleges will see \$744 million in capital funding, while private colleges and universities will see a total of \$400 million.

In overall operations funding, community colleges, colleges and universities will see increases of about 5 percent, with \$54 million in added funding for state four-year institutions. Robinson said this could help universities stave off tuition increases.

"There's reason to believe that now universities will have a better shot at holding down their tuitions with this 5 percent increase (in operations funding)," he said. "There's a great desire to do so. They'll be able to maintain the services that students need, perhaps enhance them more, become more attractive in those other ways that are a little less visible to the public as well."

The budget also includes \$1 million for the "Grow Your Own" program, which encourages Illinois parents and others connected to schools to become teachers in the state. The Illinois Math and Science Academy will see a 3 percent funding increase of \$552,000 as

Community college funding will be increased by 5 percent, or \$13.9 million, for operating grants and the adult education system.

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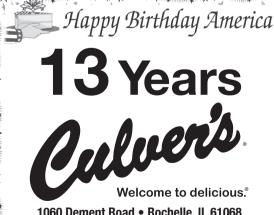
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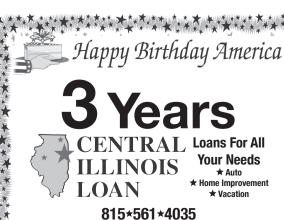
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SPORTS



RATC RACES AT DUPAGE

The Rochelle Area Track Club competed in Roselle this past weekend.

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Rochelle Little League

City champions

VFW defeats Firemen to claim third consecutive Major League baseball title

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — For the third consecutive season, No. 1 seed VFW emerged as the best team in the Rochelle Little League Major League Baseball Division.

VFW played three games against No. 2 seed Firemen for the 2019 City Championship, with VFW (15-2) winning Game 3 over Firemen (14-4) by a score of 4-1 on Monday to claim the title once again. Grant Gensler tossed a complete game for VFW, recording back-to-back strikeouts with runners on base to seal the win.

VFW took a 2-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Tyler Gensler drew a basesloaded walk for one RBI before Brandyn Metzger scored on a passed ball. VFW added two more runs in the second inning when Kasin Avila scored on a passed ball and Grant Gensler delivered an RBI

Firemen got on the board when Ethan Goodwin hit

an inside-the-park homer to left field in the top of the third inning to make it a 4-1 game. Both teams went scoreless over the fourth and fifth innings. Brode Metzger and Dalton Merriman each singled for Firemen in the sixth inning, but Gensler recorded two straight strikeouts to seal the VFW win.

Game 2

After VFW won 12-2 on Friday, Firemen evened the championship series with a 7-1 victory on Saturday. VFW scored once in the top of the first inning before Firemen plated two runs in the bottom of the frame to go ahead 2-1.

Firemen added one run in the third inning before pulling away with four runs in the fifth inning. Ethan Goodwin struck out six batters over five and onethird innings for Firemen, with Dalton Merriman recording the final two outs. Carson Lewis and Grant Gensler teamed up to strike out seven batters in four and two-thirds innings for VFW.

Brode Metzger went



VFW won the 2019 Major League Baseball City Championship with a 4-1 victory over Firemen on Monday. The team includes German Albertson, Connor Lewis, Kasin Avila, Grant Gensler, Carson Lewis, Bobby Tourdot, Brandyn Metzger, Tyler Gensler, Jonathan Andrist, Van Gerber and Jett Formenti. The bovs are coached by Joe Tourdot, Jim Gensler and Chris Lewis.

1-for-2 with two runs and one RBI for Firemen, while Dalton Merriman

went 1-for-2 with one run and one RBI. Elijah Harley scored two runs, with Bane Workman and Ethan Goodwin each adding one run. Brandyn Metzger went

1-for-3 with one RBI for VFW, while Bobby Tourdot scored the lone run.

Rochelle Rays

Swim team opens 2019 season against Huntley

Ohlinger, Wiegartz set new individual records at Spring Lake Pool

BY RUSSELL HODGES SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Rays opened the 2019 summer swim season at Spring Lake Pool with a home meet against the Huntley Stingrays this past Thursday. Riley Wiegartz set two new team records in the 100-yard backstroke (1:03.92) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.87), while Alison Ohlinger set a new record in the 50-yard backstroke (34.90 seconds).

8U Boys

Joseph Chadwick, Elijah Good, Joah Horner and Michael Chadwick placed second in the 100-yard medley relay with a time of 2:11.70. Horner won the 25-yard freestyle with a time of 22.01 seconds while Joseph Chadwick placed second (27.80) and Good took third (29.70). Declan McKinney won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 43.82 and Horner won the 100-yard

time of 2:02.35.

Joseph Chadwick won the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 35.47 with McKinney placing second (36.40) and Good taking third (50.00). Horner won the 25-yard butterfly with a time of 28.37. McKinney, Joseph Chadwick, Michael Chadwick and Horner won the 100-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:03.44.

8U Girls

Sydney Burke, Rowan Thompson, Gwen Hildreth and Brynndyl Mellor took second in the 100yard medley relay with a time of 2:09.50. Hildreth won the 25-yard freestyle with a time of 22.27 with Rowan Thompson placing second (23.08) and Daphne Wise taking third (25.10). Rowan Thompson won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 31.47 while Berkeley

Thompson placed second (37.00) and Burke took third (37.11). Burke won the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 29.45 while Hildreth individual medley with a Thompson won with a

placed second (32.15)



The Rochelle Rays were all smiles during their season-opener against the Huntley Stingrays this past Thursday. 9-10 Boys

with a time of 23.80 while

third (37.50). Hildreth won the 25-yard butterfly with a time of 38.90 and Rochelle's 100-yard freestyle relay team of Burke, Hildreth, Wise and Rowan

and Leni Haedt took

time of 1:46.21.

Owen Carmichael,

Tyler Johnson placed Bryson Stewart, Charlie second (28.80) and Jack-Carmichael and John son Ramsey took third Chadwick placed second (34.00). John Chadwick won the 50-yard freestyle in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of with a time of 41.63 while 3:51.06. Noah McKinney Owen Carmichael placed won the 25-yard freestyle second (51.80) and StewJohn Chadwick won

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Alyson Scanlan, Maggie Carter, Briselda Zepeda (not pictured) and Leiya Smith (left to right) earned first-place medals in the 400-meter relay at the DuPage Invitational this past weekend.

RATC competes at 2019 **DuPage Invitational**

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROSELLE — The Rochelle Area Track Club competed in the 2019 DuPage Track Invitational at Lake Park High School on Saturday. Several local participants brought home awards for their respective performances during the event.

Ages 8 & Under

Megan Johnson placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 21.10 seconds and first in the javelin throw with a distance of 5.30 meters. Gavin Smith finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 20.44 seconds and Michael Abell placed fourth in 26.52 seconds. Smith took sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 45.87 seconds.

Smith, Abell, Zane Lawrence and Tristan awrence earned the top four spots in the long jump with marks of 2.20 meters, 1.74 meters and 1.60 meters. Zane and Tristan Lawrence took first and second in the shot put with marks of 2.34 meters and 1.66 meters. Abell, Zane and Tristan Lawrence finished first, second and third in the javelin throw with distances of 8.55 meters, 3.12 meters and 2.78 meters.

Ages 9-10

Leiya Smith took 10th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.05 seconds and 10th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 35.29 seconds. Smith placed fifth in the long jump with a length of 2.89 meters and Liliana Lawrence finished fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 7.32 meters.

Christopher Nambo placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.82 seconds and Cristopher Lawrence took fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:40.28. Nambo, Bevan Clark and Lawrence finished third, fourth and fifth in the long jump with marks of 2.52 meters, 2.07 meters and 2.06 meters. Lawrence placed second in the javelin throw with a distance of 8.16 meters.

Ages 11-12

Maggie Carter placed seventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.39 seconds while Brisa Zepeda (16.18) took 17th and Adyson Carter (20.30) finished 19th. Rochelle's 400-meter relay team of Zepeda, Maggie Carter, Adyson Carter and Savanna Wilson won with a time of 1:07.54.

Maggie Carter took fourth in the long jump with a distance of 3.82 meters, while Zepeda (2.77) and Adyson Carter (1.48) placed 12th and 13th. Nolan Johnson finished ninth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.27 seconds and third in the javelin throw with a distance of 17.70 meters.

Ages 13-14

Kylie Smith finished sixth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:11.07 and Caleb Johnson placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 32.22 seconds. Johnson and Abel Huerta took fourth and seventh in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:12.72 and 1:17.56. Huerta and Luis Pizano finished fourth and fifth in the 800-meter run with times of 2:53.87 and 2:54.82.

Pizano placed first in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:06.12, and Huerta finished first in the triple jump with a mark of 7.07 meters. Huerta took second in the long jump with a mark of 2.75 meters. Johnson finished fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 18.76 meters.

Ages 15-18

Josue Huerta finished sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:26.36 and second in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:09.58. Jacob Nations took 18th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.86 seconds and Nations finished tied for fourth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.68 meters. Parker Hale placed sixth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.63 meters, and Nations finished fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 10.48 meters while taking fifth in the long jump with a mark of 4.90 meters.











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SPORTS

RAYS: Rochelle swimmers take over Spring Lake

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Stewart won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.89 while Charlie Carmichael (1:09.40) placed second and Owen Carmichael (1:21.50) took third.

John Chadwick won the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 29.82 while Owen Carmichael placed second (30.10) and Ege took third (31.00). Dayton Mellor won the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.60 and Rochelle's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Charlie Carmichael, Owen Carmichael, John Chadwick and Mellor won with a time of 3:21.61.

9-10 Girls

Jillian Bruns, Cambrey Rodeghero, Roxy Taft and Maggie Suneson placed second in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 3:40.15. Leiva Smith won the 25-yard freestyle with a time of 19.00 while Maggie Louis placed second (24.90) and Josie Slattengren took third (29.05). Taft won the 50yard freestyle with a time of 36.60 while Rodeghero placed second (41.51) and Bruns took third (46.34).

Rodeghero won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 51.55 while Bruns placed second (52.15) and Mackayla Downing took third (1:07.30). Smith won the 25-yard breaststroke with a time of 31.10 while Louis placed second (34.20) and Alexis Vaughn took third (36.50). Taft won the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:45.70 while Rodeghero placed second (1:48.55) and Bruns took third (2:10.85).

Slattengren won the 25-yard backstroke with a time of 29.90 while Vaughn placed second (35.21) and Downing took third (36.38). Taft won the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 54.45 and Smith placed second in 55.81. Slattengren won the 25yard butterfly with a time of 32.85 and Taft won the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 53.80. Rodeghero, Downing, Bruns and Taft won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:23.72.

11-12 Boys

Jordan Spears won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 36.49 while Parker Slattengren placed second (39.14) and Jack Carmichael took third (42.30). Spears won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 46.10 and Carmichael placed second in 56.10. Slattengren won the 50yard backstroke with a time of 53.30 and the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 52.36. Carmichael, Slattengren and Spears won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:56.10.

11-12 Girls

Alison Ohlinger, Natalie Wagner, Emma Kennay and Kendyl Darby won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:41.25. Ohlinger won the 50yard freestyle with a time of 32.20 while Kennay placed second (34.90) and Darby took third (35.60). Ohlinger won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 42.80 while Darby placed second (48.45) and Wagner took third (49.60).

Kennay won the 100yard individual medley with a time of 1:32.91 while Riley Doyle placed second (1:38.94) and Wagner took third (1:39.80). Wagner placed second in the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 51.63 and Annaleigh McKinney took third (54.25). Kennay won the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 39.90 and Darby took second in 51.15. Rochelle's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Darby, Wagner, Kennay and Ohlinger won in 2:26.28.

Hayden Inman won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 30.00 while Owen Haas placed second (30.51) and Christopher Rittschof took third (37.40). Haas won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 43.27 while Rittschof took second (52.75) and Aiden Ramsey took third (59.95). Haas won the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:22.65 and Inman took second in

Rittschof won the 50yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.45 and Haas won the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 36.30 while Inman took second in 36.91. Haas, Rittschof, Jack Lodico and Inman won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:17.56.

Mireya Montes, Baylie Sutton, Olivia Sergeant and Anna Harvey won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:47.20. Sergrant won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of

13-14 Boys

1:23.60.

13-14 Girls

33.30 while Harvey placed



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Alison Ohlinger (left) and Riley Wiegartz (right) each set new Rochelle Rays swim records this past Thursday.

second (34.20) and Montes took third (35.00). Montes won the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 48.35 while Emma Hilleson placed second (56.85) and Allison Cole took third (1:34.00).

Sergeant won the 100yard individual medley with a time of 1:26.54 and Harvey placed second in 1:52.53. Harvey won the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 48.06 and Hilleson placed second in 57.82. Sergeant won the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 38.00 and Sutton took second in 38.19. Sergeant, Montes, Sutton and Harvey won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:23.40.

15-18 Boys

Jack Lodico, David

Peterson, Riley Wiegartz and Hayden Inman won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:15.11. Peterson won the 100yard freestyle with a time of 1:04.75 while Baxter Konstans placed second (1:08.50). Peterson placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:26.90 and Konstans took third in 1:30.30.

Peterson placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:25.40 and Wiegartz won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:06.80. Konstans, Peterson, Wiegartz and Owen Haas won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:57.30.

15-18 Girls

Abby Wagner, Maggie Dall, Sara Johnson and Karyssa Dale won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:35.80. Wagner won the 100yard freestyle with a time of 1:10.00 while Dall placed second (1:14.94) and Johnson took third (1:18.77). Wagner won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:25.49 while Johnson placed second (1:34.00) and Dale took third (1:47.10). Wagner won the 200-yard individual medley with a time

Alison Ohlinger won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:20.00 while Wagner placed second (1:27.18) and Johnson took third (1:32.80). Wagner, Zegan Paul, Dall and Johnson won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:24.20.

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WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP **ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT** FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1 APRIL, 2018 THROUGH 31 MARCH, 2019

SUPERVISORS FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$77,606; Property Replacement Taxes- \$6,910; Interest- \$624; Miscellaneous-\$35:

TOTAL REVENUE- \$85,175 SUPERVISORS FUND, COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Range: Under-(\$25,000.00)- Tom Smith, Jim Millian, Donna Probasco, Lorraine Hubbard, Luke Carmichael, & Dennis Probasco, Gary Harleman.... \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99- Heath Strohman,

TOTAL COMPENSATION; \$40,538 SUPERVISOR FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

IRS Taxes- \$10,447; IL. Dept. of Revenue- \$1,857; King Blacktop- \$7,840; Toirma- \$2,501; All other disbursement less than (\$2,500.00)- \$13,280 TOTAL VENDORS- \$35,925

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$1,744; Interest- \$248; TOTAL REVENUE- \$1,992

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00)- 0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$0

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$29,252; Replacement Taxes- \$3,696; Interest- \$383;

Village of Hillcrest- \$617; Accuity Insuance \$338 TOTAL REVENUE- \$34,286

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-COMPENSATION SUMMARY Range: Under \$25,000: Lee Matczak, Heath Strohman, Rodney Hayenga; Clay Fraley; &

Gary Harleman **TOTAL COMPENSATION- \$5,998 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY**

All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$12,040; TOTAL VENDORS- \$15,953 SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$30,088; Interest- \$375; TOTAL REVENUE- \$30,463

SPECIAL ROAD TAX FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Conserv F.S- \$4,404; Stocking Equip. \$9,784; Ogle Cty. \$4,326; All other disbursements

less than (\$2,500)- \$2,806

Torima- \$3,913

TOTAL VENDORS-\$21,230

CBHB FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes-\$8,899; Interest-\$254; (CD Redemption- 10,000).....TOTAL REVENUE-\$19,153

CBHB FUND- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$0; TOTAL VENDORS- \$0; SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes- \$6,214; Interest- \$79 TOTAL REVENUE- \$6,293

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FUND-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

All other disbursement less than (\$2,500)- \$0.00; TOTAL VENDORS- 0

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION WHITE ROCK TOWNSHIP 1 April, 2018 through 31 March, 2019

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Beginning Balance	\$71,139	\$38,399	\$46,495	\$46,723	\$25,886	
Total Revenue	\$85,175	\$1,992	\$34,284	\$30,463	\$19,152 (10,000 CD Red.)	
Less Disbursements	(\$76,463)	(0)	(\$21,951)	(\$21,230)	(\$0)	
Ending Balance	\$79,851	\$40,391	\$58,828	\$55,956	\$45,038	

	Special Equipment			
Beginning Balance	\$6,907			
Total Revenue	\$6,292			
Less Disbursements	(\$0)			
Ending Balance	\$13,199			
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Claims

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FARM NEWS

Tips for growing tricky Moving forward in heirloom tomatoes

URBANA - Gardeners across Illinois had been climbing the walls waiting for the last frost of spring so they could finally transplant all those fantastic warm-season crops.

When dreaming about the bounty of warm-season fruits and veggies, one jewel of summer stands out in University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Austin Little's mind. "The coveted and celebrated heirloom tomato varieties which start ripening around late June are a very attractive choice for gardeners," he says. "Not only for their superior flavor and texture, but also to avoid the shocking sticker price at the market, at \$6 a pound!"

To Little, those are good reasons to try growing heirloom varieties such as Cherokee Purple or Black Krim in the home garden. Save a little cash while impressing the neighbors.

Popular hybridized tomato varieties such as Big Boy and Beef Steak tomatoes result from years of controlled breeding (hybridizing) for specific traits such as disease resistance, vigor, and yield. Unfortunately, the seeds are genetically unpredictable. You can't be sure what kind of fruit they will produce, if they produce fruit at all.

heirloom varieties have been carefully selected and propagated for 50 years or more, often pre-WWII. Heirloom varieties are open-pollinated with traits that are generally stable from one generation to the next. although yield and size are more unpredictable.

On the other hand,

"While heirloom tomatoes are a worthy project, they require a bit

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more attention than the popular hybrid tomato varieties, and there are a few specific practices that can help ensure a successful heirloom tomato yield," Little says.

The most limiting factor of successful heirloom tomato production is disease, and reducing the chances for disease is key. One of the most effective tricks for improving heirloom performance is grafting a vegetative heirloom cutting onto a disease-resistant hybrid rootstock. With this practice, the plant gets the resistance traits of a hybrid while maintaining the unique qualities of the heirloom fruit. "Grafting can improve yields up to a whopping 60 percent," Little says.

Heirloom tomatoes are often vigorous indeterminate growers that need to be pruned more often. Pruning or pinching back "suckers" that arise from axils (angles between a leaf and the main stem) is important. Removing suckers provides better air circulation, which helps prevent foliar diseases. Another way to improve air circulation is to give heirlooms lots of space,

about 1 foot between plants and 4 feet between rows.

Heirloom tomatoes are susceptible to fungal and bacterial infections; keeping the foliage dry helps to prevent these diseases. Avoid water splashing up onto foliage by using drip tape and mulch in the garden. These practices also help to get a more thorough watering to the roots. Of course, staking and caging will also help to keep the foliage off the ground.

As for fertilizing these historical varieties, sometimes less is more. Soil testing is a good place to start. Generally, tomatoes benefit from a complete NPK fertilizer with a rating of around 5-5-5 applied at planting. The same can be achieved by top dressing with compost in the spring or fall, with or without the addition of an organic fertilizer if you're an organic heirloom grower. One thing to keep in mind is that once tomatoes set flowers, more nitrogen will produce bushy vegetative growth and reduce fruit quality.

"The most important factor to manage for heirloom tomatoes is reduction of disease pressure. Some of the best practices for improving yield are grafting, staking, and controlling water, ensuring the plants can 'breathe,' and feeding the soil," Little says. "By implementing these practices in your next heirloom adventure, you'll soon be enjoying a nice Caprese salad with big juicy slices of Cherokee Purple tomatoes this summer."

the Land of Lincoln

into overtime but the Illinois General Assembly finally concluded their session on June 2. By many accounts it was "historic," whatever that As expected with gain-

ing control of the Governorship and

commanding a super majority in both the House and Senate the democratically controlled chambers had



a relatively east time passing their agenda.

So let's look at some of that agenda and what it means moving forward here in the Land of Lin-

As the governor promised voters will see a question on the 2020 ballot to eliminate the State's current flat tax and move towards a graduated or progressive income tax, although Governor Pritzker likes to call it a fair tax. However, voters beware, because the question on the ballot will be to allow the State of Illinois to institute any kind of income tax. Since this is also a constitutional amendment it will require a three-fifth majority to pass the referendum amendment. In separate action the General Assembly also passed legislation establishing the tax rates under a new tax system which will only become effective should the voters approve the referendum.

A word of caution here, the rate structure can always be repealed and replaced without having to back to the voters. Whatever kind of tax flat, graduated or both once approved can only be changed through a citizen vote. In other words if the voters approved of changing from a flat to a graduated tax the Illinois General Assembly has the authority to establish whatever rates and brackets they choose.

Companion bills attached along the way to the progressive tax; one repealing the Illinois Estate Tax and second placing property tax freezes on school districts stalled in the

Illinois House. Both were originally proposed to entice legislators to pass the constitutional amendment question on the graduated tax, but as most of us knew once that was passed the latter two bills would never see the light of day. It's called bait and switch. A new Capital Con-

struction Plan also garnered enough support to pass both chambers. It includes both a bond authorization bill and a project appropriation bill. There are two components one for things like roads and bridges and one for vertical projects like schools, libraries, etc.

To pay for the former the revenue bill included:

- Doubling the motor fuel tax from 19 cents to 38 cents per gallon with inflation adjustments annually. Raising the MFT on diesel fuel 24 cents per gallon with inflation indexing.
- Registration from all classes of trucks increases \$100 annually
- Electronic vehicle registration goes from \$35 per year to \$300 • Car and pick-up truck
- annual registration goes to \$148 from the current \$98 • Driver License fees

double from \$30 to \$60 To pay for vertical projects revenue looks

Six new land based

- casinos will be added including Chicago and Rockford
- Expansion of the number of slot machines per location
- Increase the video gaming tax to 33 percent

from 30 percent Authorizes sports

- Institutes a parking garage tax of 6 percent
- Increases the cigarette tax by \$1 per pack
- Increases alcohol sales tax

Understanding that Illinois has a serious infrastructure problem garnered support from both chambers on this Capital Bill. One can only hope that the new money is used for its intended purpose to repair and maintain infrastructure not build things like presidential libraries.

aware that Illinois has now legalized recreational Marijuana. It is anticipated the State will issue licenses for 30 cultivation centers in Illinois and 100 licenses for craft growers, those with up to 5,000 square feet of growing area. Last of note, the Gen-

Of course you are also

eral Assembly passed a proposed balance budget of just over \$40 billion. It did come to light though that during budget debate in the House the members added a \$1,600 salary raise along with a cost of living adjustment.

The Senate refused the amendment but the House members had already headed home before a vote could be forced.

Please remember also that one of the Governor's first acts in office was to reinstate the automatic pay raises for state union employees that cost \$200 million per vear.

So there it is. After all – it's just money.

Travis Brown, Mgr.

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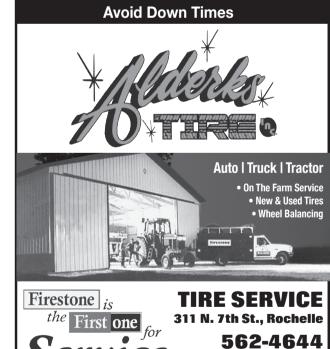
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