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A great night out

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Many turned out for the Rochelle Police Department's third annual National Night out event Tuesday.

The event took place from 5 to 8 p.m. at Atwood Park in Rochelle and featured many different activities for both kids and adults. Some of the activities included a live band, free hot dogs, a Taser demonstration with the city manager, and a landing from the OSF Life Flight helicopter.

While all the attractions were a hit with the community, the life flight helicopter drew the biggest crowd.



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

OSF Life Flight pilot Kevin Collins shakes the hand of one of the children after viewing the inside of the helicopter.

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Cast members rehearse for the upcoming VCCT production.

Cast preparing for 'abridged' show

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – In its upcoming show, the Vince Carney Community Theater aims to not only entertain, but to also educate and interact with the audience.

The next show being put on by the community theater is titled "The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)." This is a very condensed version of everything that has happened up to date in theater, but is told from the perspective of three very influential figures.

"It is a comedy with lots of interaction with the audience, talking back and forth and improvisation," explained Ken Manning, director of the play. "It touches on Greek tragedy and Roman theater and is told by three icons of theater: William Shakespeare himself, Constantine Stanislavski who invented method acting, and actress from the turn of the 19-to-20th Century Sarah Bernhardt.

The crew has kids aged 16 and 17 and the cast has people of all different ages, the youngest being 19 years old and the oldest being in their 50s.

Cast

The cast members include: Terry Camplain as William "Bill" Shake-

spare, Curt Helgren as Konstantine "Stan" Stanislavsky, Jessie Ellis as Sarah Burnhardt and Alex Cremeans and Jessica Garrison both as Ensembles.

Anyone of all ages can audition to be in a play, the cast requirements vary for each play. Some require kids, some require adults and some both, but no matter the play there are people of all different skill levels involved.

"We use all ranges of experience levels from people that haven't done much theater that learn from the more experienced actors to experienced people who enjoy bringing entertainment to the masses," said Manning.

The Vince Carney Community Theater was created in 1981 with the goal of bringing quality productions to Rochelle and Ogle County. Since its creation they have put on many different plays including "The Wizard of Oz," "Joseph and the Technicolored Dream Coat," and "Ordinary People" to name just a few.

The response to the plays has been good so far. The community theater would just like to get its name out there more, and hopes their new permanent location in the former Lincoln School building on the south side of town will help to do that.

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Clean-up work set

Lagoon sludge could cause odors to linger during excavation process

BY ANDREW HEISERMAN
STAFF WRITER

ROCHELLE – Residents may experience an increase in odors throughout town beginning this week and lasting approximately 2-to-3 months.

The wastewater treatment plant is using \$6.9 million dollars from a 20-year low interest Illinois EPA loan to upgrade different parts of their facility. One part of their plant upgrades is an anaerobic lagoon rehabilitation project, which is necessary for the plant to continue with operations.

"It is a 10-million-gallon anaerobic lagoon that we are going to remove the sludge out of, replace the upper and lower liners and rehabilitate the gas handling building and equipment," explained Adam Lanning, superintendent of water and water reclamation.

The process of removing the sludge will consist of using heavy machinery to either pump the sludge out or move it with excavating equipment, depending on the consistency.

The majority of the

buildup comes from the factories on the south side of town that send their raw sewage into the lagoon. The lagoon is then used as a pre-treatment facility to help lessen the demand on the main treatment plant.

"It is primarily taking waste from the south side Rochelle Foods, but it is pretty high strength sewage. It has built up sludge over the years to the point where the lagoon is full and now we have to remove all of that sludge," said Lanning

The lagoon has been in service for 25 years and it is recommended that this process be completed every 20-to-25 years.

The odor will be released into the air when the sludge is being removed from the lagoon. Since this is the first time the lagoon is being opened up for cleaning, treatment plant workers are not sure how strong the odor will be or how far into town it will travel, if at all.

Once all of the sludge is removed from the lagoon, it will be transported and used as a soil mender and fertilizer for agricultural land.

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LOCAL NEWS

NIGHT: Residents turn out for annual event

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“We saw on Facebook about the helicopter coming in for a landing and the city manager getting tased, and who doesn’t want to see that,” said Brittany Ludwig, an attendee at the event.

The Life Flight helicopter is stationed at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford but has a range of Madison, Chicago and the Quad Cities for medical emergencies. It also makes public relation stops at different events wherever they are asked to do so. Adults as well as the kids took interest in the helicopter, but for many of the kids this was their first time seeing one up close.

“The kids always love seeing it land, the noise it makes as it comes in really gets their attention,” explained Kevin Collins, Life Flight pilot.

The line to see the inside



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Rochelle Police Department Officer Jim Jakymiw shows attendees the inside a squad car.

of the helicopter was long and the line for the free food was at least as long. The meal included a hot dog, chips and a drink that were donated by local organizations. The hot dogs

were donated by Tyson, the buns were from Walmart, the water was from Ralfie’s BBQ and Aldi, the chips were from the Fraternal Order of Police, the ice was also from Aldi, the rest

was provided by the City of Rochelle.

The Rochelle Police Department expected a good turnout this year and the community exceeded their expectations.

“Everything is doing all right, there is a line at the school resource officer car and the helicopter, even the adults like that,” explained Deputy Chief Jeff Leininger. “We have

600 dogs, water and chips and the amount of people may surpass the amount of food.”

TNT Motors from Oregon was handing out Frisbee’s at the event as well.



(PHOTO BY ANDREW HEISERMAN)

Attendees wait in line as Jenny Thompson hands out free hot dogs that were grilled by the Rochelle Police Department.



Kids attempt to toss a baseball into one of the marked holes at the Rochelle United Methodist Church tent.



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Marching band show



The Rochelle Township High School Marching Band held its annual band camp this week, which will culminate in a public performance on Friday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the RTHS football stadium. This performance will be a demonstration of what the band does each day during band camp in addition to learning the music and drill for this season’s show. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please note the change in time.

Clarification about donations

ROCHELLE — Wording in an article published on Sunday, Aug. 4 about the Rochelle Veterans War Memorial Association’s project to construct a bronze, life-size image of a soldier kneeling in respect for the veterans whose names are honored on the bricks at the memorial at Lawnridge Cemetery, may have been misleading.

Sunday’s article may have led some to believe that the statue was funded by the American Legion, which is not the case. Individuals, businesses and organizations have all stepped forward in pledges for this project, which will be the first bronze sculpture in the City of Rochelle.

LOCAL NEWS

Grist mill to host Chautauqua

FRANKLIN GROVE

The Franklin Creek Conservation Association has revived a long-standing tradition by hosting the Singing Bird Chautauqua at the Franklin Creek State Natural Area. The fifth annual Chautauqua will be held on Sept. 29, at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill.

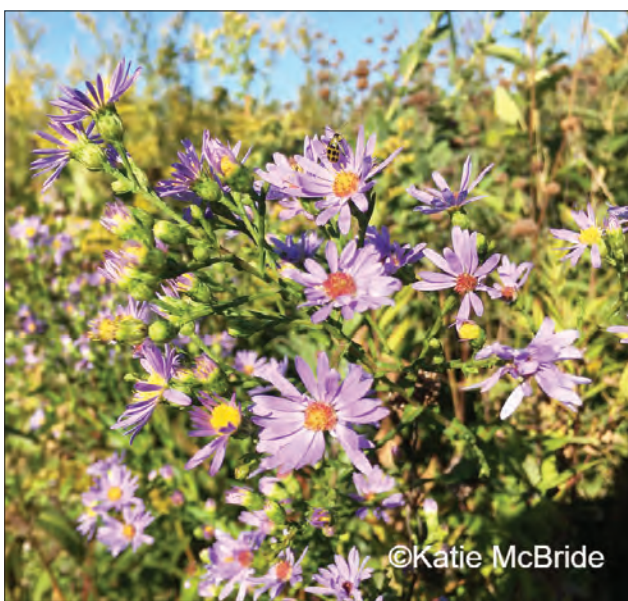
Pronounced shuh-TAW-kwuh, this traditional form of entertainment is a celebration of American Life. Historic and contemporary topics are presented at the Chautauqua by speakers and performers with a variety of perspectives on culture, art, history, innovation, philosophy and nature. The experience is both thought provoking and entertaining at the same time.

This year, the theme at the Singing Bird Chautauqua is "The Forest, the Trees and the Autumn Leaves."

There will be a live eagle presentation by Hoo Haven, a wildlife rehabilitation and education center from Durand. Learn more about the usefulness of bison during a presentation by the FCCA, about how the bison sustained Native American life and culture. There will also be a nature walk, horse decorating, live music and bison burgers.

This free event will start off with a Nature Walk through the Franklin Creek State Natural Area. There will be mill tours and music throughout the day. All proceeds from this event benefit the youth programs offered by the Franklin Creek Conservation Association, including renovations on our newest property purchase, 1480 Old Mill Road. Check out the schedule of events below:

10 a.m.-noon: Guided Nature Walk
Noon-12:30 p.m.: Live guitar performance
12:30-1:30 p.m.: The



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American Indian Way of Life

1:30-2 p.m. Break

2-3 p.m.: Live eagle presentation by Hoo Haven

3-3:30 p.m.: Break & Painted Ponies (painting live horses)

3:15-4:30 p.m.: Native American stories and «Talking Feather» craft (3:15-4:00, \$3.00)

"Every Bit of a Bison"

by FCCA -

How the bison sustained Native American life and culture (3:30-4 p.m.)

Live guitar performance (4-4:30 p.m.)

4:30-5 p.m.: Celebration of Native American Culture Through Music and Dance - Kim Sigafus

Food, drinks, and gift store will be available from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship to host Assemblymen concert Aug. 11

ASHTON — Grace Fellowship Church of Ashton will host The Assemblymen Gospel Quartet on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

The Assemblymen Gospel Quartet will be starting its 29th consecutive year of ministry in 2019. They perform mainly on Sunday evenings for a free will offering. Members include John Tallacksen, Paul Nelson, Gary Shull, David Nelson and Vern Thompson.



The Assemblymen

Winners announced in several categories at Ogle County Fair

OREGON — Winners in several departments of the Ogle County 4-H Fair have been announced.

Quality Meat

Department

Champion Beef Carcass: Bode Martin, Oregon

Reserve Champion Beef Carcass: Grace Mongan, Oregon

Champion Goat Carcass: Ashley Williams, Leaf River

Champion Lamb Carcass: Brooke Ewald, Byron

Champion Pork Carcass: Maggie Eden, Byron

Reserve Champion Pork Carcass: Emma Thurow, Davis Junction

Horse Department

Champion Novice Showmanship: Addison Yordy, Leaf River

Champion Showmanship: Liberty Hayes, Kings

Reserve Champion Showmanship: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Grand Champion Horse at Halter: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Reserve Grand Champion Horse at Halter: Liberty Hayes, Kings

Junior Grand Champion Horsemanship: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Senior Grand Champion Horsemanship: Liberty Hayes, Kings

Reserve Senior Grand Champion Horsemanship: Natalie Johnson, Forreton

Junior Grand Champion Performance Horse: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Senior Grand Champion Performance Horse: Liberty Hayes, Kings

Reserve Senior Grand Champion Performance Horse: Natalie Johnson, Forreton

Junior Equine Sportsmanship: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Senior Equine Sportsmanship: Natalie Johnson, Forreton

Junior Performance High Point: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Senior Performance High Point: Liberty Hayes, Kings

Junior Horse Speed Award: Cassidy Vincent, Rochelle

Cat Department

Champion Junior Showmanship: Hannah Freise, Byron

Champion Intermediate Showmanship: Ada Haner, Chana

Champion Feline: Christian Ryia, German Valley

Champion Cage or Carrier: Karissa Kaufman, Oregon

Clothing Department

Sewing Classes

Champion STEAM Clothing 1 - Non-Sewn Exhibit: Ella Tunink, Leaf River

Champion STEAM Clothing 1 - Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit: Ella Tunink, Leaf River

Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 1 - Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit: Cheyenne Somers, Lindenwood

Champion STEAM Clothing 1 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Sophia Stein, Rochelle

Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 1 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction

Champion STEAM Clothing 2 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Faith Marquardt, Oregon

Champion STEAM Clothing 3 - Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit: Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Champion STEAM Clothing 3 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Champion STEAM Clothing 3 - Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Mady Russell, Oregon

Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Clothing Exhibit: Faith Marquardt, Oregon

Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit: Lillian Kennedy, Davis Junction

Reserve Grand Champion Sewn Non-Clothing Exhibit: Ella Tunink, Leaf River

Grand Champion Non-Sewn Exhibit: Ella Tunink, Leaf River

Shopping

Champion Shopping in Style Beginning: Anna Marquardt, Oregon


Grand Champion Shopping in Style: Anna Marquardt, Oregon.



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Drawing Sunday, August 25 after the Car Show Proceeds to benefit Community Projects

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Friday, August 16th

50/50 RAFFLE
FOOD COURT & RIDES 4-10PM
BEER GARDEN 5-10PM
MAIN STAGE:
 6-7PM Little Miss Peanut
 8-10PM Rollin Whiskey

Saturday, August 17th

50/50 RAFFLE
ARTS, CRAFTS & BUSINESS BOOTHS 10AM-4PM
FOOD COURT & RIDES 11AM-11PM
BEER GARDEN 2-11PM
 7:30-11AM Pancakes in the Park-Lions
 8-3PM Hub City Cruisers Car Show
 10AM-1PM Rootbeer Floats-Masonic Temple
 11AM-3PM Kids Zone-at the Fire House Museum
 Noon-4PM - Ice Cream Social - Flagg Township Museum
 1-4PM-Roberts Armory Museum
 4-9PM-Rochelle Moose Haunted Maze
MAIN STAGE:
 10AM-Noon - No Rest for the Lou Who's
 12:30-1:30PM - Rochelle Performing Arts
 2-4PM - Steve Ritchie Band
 5-7PM - Dirty Fishnet Stockings
 8-10PM - Fortunate Sons (CCR Tribute Band)

Sunday, August 18th

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING at 6PM
FOOD COURT & RIDES 11AM-6PM
ARTS, CRAFTS & BUSINESS BOOTHS Noon-4PM
BEER GARDEN 2-6PM
 7:30-11AM Pancakes in the Park-Lions
 9-10:30AM St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Worship & Service)
1:00 PM L.H.H.F. PARADE
 (Check in at 11:45 at St. Pat's Learning Center!)
 2-5PM Rochelle Moose Haunted Maze
 3-6PM Ice Cream Social @ Gazebo
 - Women of the Moose
MAIN STAGE:
 11-3PM Open Mic
 4-6PM The Party Doctors

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Lester Rainwater Jr.

ROCHELLE — Lester Lee Rainwater Jr., 75, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019 at the Forest City Rehab in Rockford.

Arrangements are pending at the Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. Sixth St., Rochelle. Visit www.UngerHorner.com.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Curt Helgren and Terry Camplain rehearse for the upcoming Vince Carney Community Theatre production "The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)."

VCCT: First show set for Aug. 9

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"The community seems to really enjoy it but there seems to be not as much awareness in the community to our existence as we would hope. We are hoping to build on that with the new site and a permanent home," explained Manning. "[We hope to] be able to do more productions and types of productions each year. Right now, we were doing about three productions a year, but want to scale it up to about seven."

Funding for the shows comes from money earned through previous show ticket sales along with donations. Ticket prices range depending on the type of play; tickets for this upcoming play are \$12 each and can be purchased through the website at vcctrochelle.org. The play will take place at Salt 251 on Aug. 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 11 at 2 p.m.

Information on how to donate and sign up to audition for future plays can be also be found on the website.

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ROCHELLE — William "Bill" John Oral Gaston passed away on Aug. 3, 2019 at the age of 93 in Franklin Grove. He was born in a small farmhouse on Feb. 7, 1926 to Charles and Della (Branson) Gaston in Amboy.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Helen; his children, Denise (Elmer) Coots of Round Lake Beach, Janet Gaston Seitz of Phoenix, Arizona, Norman Dale (Pamela) Gaston of Shabbona, Deana Gaston of Hainesville, Sherril Gaston of Harvard and Darrel (Kelley) Gaston of Phoenix, Arizona; as well as 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; one brother; seven sisters; one granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

Bill was born the eighth child of nine into a family with one brother and seven sisters, raised by his father and older sister when his mother passed away from Erysipelatous when he was only two.

He spent his school years in Rochelle and played varsity football and basketball for Rochelle High School. At 17 he entered the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and at the end of his junior year was called up for Active Duty as an Air Corps Aviation Cadet in 1944. While in the Air Corp, Bill won the prestigious Golden Gloves Boxing title. At the end of the war he returned to Rochelle and worked various jobs.

In 1964 Bill met the love of his



William Gaston

life, Helen Pasley, at the Blue Moon in Elgin. He described Helen as a "No nonsense type of gal, unlike many I had dated." They married on July 10, 1965 and just celebrated their 54th anniversary.

Bill started his own business, Gaston Tire & Supply in DeKalb, in 1963. He moved his business and family to Shabbona, in 1968. In 1977 Bill became service and parts manager for the Tom Ferris Chevy/Olds in Marengo. In 1982 he took over as service manager for State Street Motors in Sycamore. Bill was known for being honest and conscientious with his customers. In, 1989 he returned to his hometown of Rochelle, and began managing The Countryside Village Apartments with his wife Helen until his retirement in 2006.

Bill was civic minded and proud of his family and country. He was a Commander & District Commander in the Rochelle American Legion and member for 32 years and served on the Honor Guard. A Kiwanis member with perfect attendance for 30 years, and a member of the United Methodist Church. Bill had also served as a Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout Committee Chairperson. His recognitions by many organizations for his dedication and loyal service are too numerous to name. One of the highlights of his last years was his WWII Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. He was so moved by his trip to D.C. that with help from his daughters Denise and Deana they put together a Veterans bus trip to D.C. in 2011 for all veterans WWII thru Vietnam.

Bill loved to be surrounded by his

family. Grandchildren had a special place in his heart. Children were drawn to him and looked forward to sitting on his lap or knee getting "Getty up a horsey, go to town" rides and watching for the "bumblebee" to get them. Those closest to Bill enjoyed listening to his life stories. He always had his camera or video camera handy to capture family moments. Bill and Helen enjoyed traveling around the United States, and especially to Branson, Missouri, where they enjoyed listening to their country music stars. Two of Bill's claim to fame moments were winning the DeKalb and Shabbona Centennial Handle Bar Mustache contests. He was also a Master Parade Float builder. Bill was an avid woodworker and spent many hours working on the family genealogy and organizing the Gaston Family Reunions.

There are not words to express how much Bill will be missed by his wife, family and friends. He loved well and was well loved in return. We cherish the legacy that he leaves us and strive to live life to the fullest just as he did.

Services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Rochelle United Methodist Church 709 4th Ave., Rochelle. Visitation is from 9 to 11 a.m. with funeral service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the William Gaston Memorial Fund, addressed to the Gaston Family in care of Beverage Lyons Family Funeral Home 704 N. 6th St., Rochelle, IL 61068.

Visit www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com to sign the online guest book.

OSWEGO — Jack T. Johnson, 80, of Oswego, passed away Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019 at Rush Copley Medical Center. He was born Dec. 28, 1938 in Aurora.

Jack was a U.S. Army veteran after graduating from East Aurora High School. He was united in marriage to Sandra Ann Lange on Sept. 16, 1967. He was a devoted employee for over 44 years at Aurora Pump where he worked in engineering. Jack loved spending time sitting on his porch with a glass of cabernet surrounded by the many candles he lit and plants he loved to buy, but he was happiest in the company of family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sandra A. (Lange) Johnson; two children, Lara (Rene) Delgado and Derek (Janine) Johnson; five

grandchildren, Isaac, Noah and Sophia Delgado and Ryanna and Dylan Johnson; two sisters, Dolores (Jerald) Watgen and Carole (Kevin) Skraboly; his aunt, Irene "Sunny" Donka; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins especially his dearest cousin, James (Judy) Baish; many dear friends including Eugene (Jerri) Snyder and his 1957 East Aurora High School Classmates who continue to gather frequently.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence T and Mary Ann (Donka) Johnson.

Visitation was held Monday, Aug. 5 from 3 until 8 p.m. with a Liturgical wake service at The Daleiden



Mortuary, 220 N. Lake St. Aurora, Illinois 60506; 630- 631-5500.

Funeral services was held Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 a.m. from The Daleiden Mortuary to St. Joseph Church at 10 a.m.; Fr. Matthew McMorroff officiated with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Jack's family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Jack's name to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829 Arlington VA 22215; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org/donate/ or the Aurora Central Catholic Heritage of Faith Campaign Aurora Central Catholic High School, 1255 N. Edgelawn Drive Aurora, IL 60506.

STEWART — Vernon W. Johnson, 85, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019 at home with his family by his side. Vernon was born on July 24, 1934 to Walter and Hazel (Berg) Johnson in Rochelle.

He was a 1952 graduate of Stewart High School. After high school, he proudly served with the United States Army. On Oct. 10, 1959, Vernon married Carol Ann Miller in Hinckley. He worked for Macklin Incorporated for many years.

Vernon was a life long member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Lee and a former council member and



Union Cemetery board member. On Saturday mornings, he could be found with a great group of Tres Dias reunion group brothers. Vernon was an avid Cubs fan, enjoyed golfing and especially loved attending the sporting events and cattle shows of his grandchildren.

Vernon is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Carol, of Stewart, two children, Renee (Brian) Rinard of Prole, Iowa, and Steve (Lisa) Johnson, of Shabbona; brother, Glen (Ginger) Johnson of DeKalb; brother-in-law, Donald (Pat) Miller of Hinckley; sister-in-law, Lois Mesmer of DeKalb; five grandchildren, Morgan, Tate and Libby Johnson, Maddison and Eric Rinard; and great-granddaughter,

Cynthia Utter.

In addition to his parents, Vernon is preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Johnson on April 7, 2016.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 19 Perry Road, Lee, with Pastor Martha Nelson officiating. Burial will follow the service at Union Cemetery in Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Vernon's memory to Calvary Lutheran Church or Serenity Hospice & Home.

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LOCAL NEWS

Deputies investigate motorcycle accident

On Aug. 2, at 6:20 p.m., deputies responded to the report of a single vehicle motorcycle accident in the 5000 block of West Illinois Route 64. Upon conducting an investigation, James Blaszczyk, 75, along with passenger Carol Blaszczyk, 71, of Miles, Iowa, were traveling eastbound when they veered off of the roadway and into the ditch. The motorcycle overturned and both riders were ejected. Both were transported to KSB Hospital in Dixon by Mount Morris EMS and Polo EMS where they were treated for no life-threatening injuries.

On Aug. 2, at approximately 7:49 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3000 Block South Illinois Route 251 for a moving violation. After a short investigation, deputies arrested Jamal H. Graves, 27, of Rockford, for driving while licenses suspended. Jamal was then transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

Aug. 3

On Aug. 3, at 8:33 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Lynn-Scott-Rock Ambulance responded to a motorcycle crash on Interstate 39 near mile marker 106. Investigation by deputies revealed that a northbound motorcycle operated by Brenton Cleveland, 21, of Kingston, had skidded off the roadway and ejected Cleveland into the median.

Cleveland was transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital for what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries.

On Aug. 3, Kyle W. Thunberg, 30, of Sycamore, was arrested in the 4700 block of North German Church Road for possession of controlled substance.

On Aug. 3, the Ogle County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash on Prairie Moon Drive. As a result, deputies arrested Nannette Estes, 46, of Rochelle, for D.U.I. Estes was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

Aug. 4

On Aug. 4, at 3:33 p.m., the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Fire Department and the Oregon Ambulance responded to a one-vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Limekiln Road. A tan Toyota Rav4 was westbound on Illinois Route 64 attempting to turn right onto Limekiln Road. The Toyota struck the embankment in the Northwest corner of the intersection. The driver Sherry L. Butler, 63, of Genoa, was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS with minor injuries. Butler was issued citations for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving under the influence. Butler was given an I-bond with a September court date.

Stuff the squad



(COURTESY PHOTO)

On Saturday Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, along with his wife, Dina, and granddaughter, stopped to drop off some school supplies for the Rochelle Police Department's Stuff the Squad event. Supervisor of Dispatch Sandy Sullivan was on hand as well. Officers were accepting new school supplies and monetary donations to purchase supplies for local school children.

Man arrested for driving while revoked

On Aug. 2, at 1:16 p.m., Rochelle police arrested Tyrus J. Holland, 29, of Rochelle, for driving while licensed revoked and speeding. He posted I-bond. His court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 2, at 10:13 p.m., Rochelle Police cited Mary L. Cassola, 54, of Rochelle, for texting while driving. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 2, at 11:07 p.m., Rochelle police cited Derrick C. Fiegel, 37, of Machesney Park, for speeding,

63 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 2, at 11:42 p.m., Rochelle police cited Matthew Frank, 22, of Rochelle, for disobeying a stop sign, not having valid registration and no insurance. He was issued a notice to appear. His court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 3, at 2:18 p.m., Rochelle police arrested John C. Garza, 34, of Rochelle, for no valid driver's license. He posted I-bond. His court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 4, at 8:27 p.m., Rochelle police cited Nora K. Petry, 19, of Rochelle, for speeding. She issued a promise to comply. Her court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 5, at 12:23 p.m., Rochelle police cited Joseph A. Powell, 36, of Rochelle, for disobeying a stop sign. He issued a promise to comply. His court date is set for Sept. 6.

On Aug. 5, at 2:20 p.m., Rochelle police cited Siomara Reyes Martinez, 37, of Rochelle, for having no insurance. She issued a promise to comply.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Mental illness and mass shootings

LAST week, I sat in this small Texas town and listened to a mother tell me how a gunman killed her son as he hunkered in a classroom closet.

Her boy was one of 10 people killed in the May 18, 2018, shooting at Santa Fe High School.



Scott Reeder

In the wake of the tragedy, she works in a counseling center that is helping the community heal.

I'm glad psychiatric care is available for the victims, but there might not be any victims if the shooter had received such care.

After all, what mentally well person would shoot-up a mall, a store or a school?

In recent years, our alternatives for dealing with the dangerously mentally ill have diminished.

According to an Ohio State University Study, there were 400,000 patients in American mental hospitals in 1950, a time when the population of the United States was half what it is today.

Today, that number is about 30,000.

The de-institutionalization of the mentally ill began in the 1970s with the best of intentions. The idea was to transition these troubled souls into community-based out-patient care. Instead, millions ended up homeless on American streets.

Communities such as East Moline, Galesburg, Kankakee, Jacksonville and Peoria once housed large state facilities dedicated not only to caring for the afflicted but protecting society from the potentially dangerous.

And the story is the same in other states. Closing mental institutions, after all, was a national phenomenon.

If the rate of hospitalization had kept pace with population growth, about one million Americans would be receiving in-pa-

tient care for mental health issues, Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, founder of the Treatment Advocacy Center, said in a recent Wall Street Journal column.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the frequency of mass shootings has increased steadily since the 1980s, when the closing of state mental hospitals reached its peak.

Torrey noted that multiple studies have reported that, at any given time, between 40percent and 50percent of those who in an earlier era would have received hospital care are receiving no treatment for their mental illness.

America emptied its public psychiatric hospitals without ensuring that the released patients would receive the necessary treatment to control their symptoms. We should not be surprised by these outbreaks of violence.

Torrey notes, multiple studies done between 2000 and 2015 suggest that about a third of mass killers have an untreated severe mental illness. If mental illness is defined more broadly, the percentage is higher. In 2018 the FBI released a report that found that 40percent of the shooters had received a psychiatric diagnosis, and 70percent had "mental health stressors" or "mental health concerning behaviors" before the attack.

But thinking in a broader since, what rational person would commit a mass murder?

Mandatory injectable antipsychotic medication, which can be effective for as long as three months, may be something we should consider for individuals who refuse to take their medication. And, yes, we may need to consider expanding in-patient treatment options as well.

Is mental health treatment the only factor in reducing mass shootings? No. But it's a good place to start.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.



VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

More businesses are offering online ordering and curbside pick up. Have you used those services? What are your thoughts on those? Do you think more businesses will move toward those services?



"I have not used it but my daughter does where she lives. They have a system where they deliver it and it helps her stick to a list. And I think that business will have to start adopting this method to keep with the times."

Rod Brown



"I have not picked up, but I have ordered online and picked up there. My daughter has though and she loves it. It's convenient and helps you not to buy more than what is on the list. No walking in and seeing everthing that is tempting."

Theresa Crystal



"Yes, I have used it with Walmart. It was super easy and only took me about 10 minutes."

Vicki Pemberton

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COMMUNITY

Dr. Wolfelt course offered to the community

OREGON — Serenity Hospice and Home will be starting an 8-week class entitled "Understanding Your Grief" at The Serenity Shed located at 131 N. 3rd St. in downtown Oregon.

This class starts Sept. 8 and ends Oct. 29 and will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

"The group was 'our' group, not one that outsiders could drop into. It felt very safe for me and I trusted these people with my feelings," said a recent participant. "If I wanted to share I could without fear of judgement. I was comfortable being with this group. I was not alone in my grief."

The structure of the group will follow the book by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt which covers 10 touchstones in the areas of physical, emotional, cognitive, social and spiritual growth to help you through the grief process.

Wolfelt has written many books about healing after the loss of a loved one and is considered a leading grief educator. The class will be facilitated by Cathy Warren, who is Serenity Hospice's Bereavement Coordinator.

"I am very excited to offer a class like this one," said Warren. "Our grief groups are usually open-ended and people come and go as they travel through their own journey of grief. This is a more structured approach and the participant will know exactly when it will end."

Each participant will receive a copy of the book by Dr. Wolfelt. Call Serenity Hospice at 815-732-2499 to find out more information or to register for the class. Class size is limited.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 10 Phyllis Vaught	Aug. 19 Eddie & Melissa Villalobos
Aug. 12 Kevin Sherburne	Aug. 20 Jose & Amanda Avila
Hayden Smith	Kim Patrick
Adam Baker	Tim & Dena Koker
Aug. 14 Windy Turner	Nick Henson
Carter Johnson	Oaklyn South
Aug. 15 Alana Rodriguez	Benjamin Navejas
Haley Simmons	Aug. 24 Alex Avila
Corey Gilliam	TJ & Kelsey Rogers
Aug. 16 Kenzi Perkins	Aug. 25 Megan South
Brian Smith	Kevin & Amie Eggenburg
Aug. 17 Josh Perkins Jr.	

CALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 7
1:30 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at St. Patrick's Learning Center, 903 N. Caron Road. (every Wednesday)

Thu., Aug. 8 - Sun., Aug. 11
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. — The 63rd annual Sycamore Steam Show & Threshing Bee will be held at the Taylor Marshall Farm, 27707 Lukens Road, Sycamore. Admission is \$7; children under 12 are free; senior citizens pay \$5 on Thursday. There is a parade daily at 1:30 p.m. For more information visit www.threshingbee.org.

Thu., Aug. 8
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes Swedish meatballs over pasta, roasted veggies, bread and butter, salad. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

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.

7 p.m. — "Peace for your Heart" AL-ANON meeting is held each Thursday at Hicks Hall in Rochelle United Methodist Church,



FROM THE HEART DAILY CASH WINNERS

July 30 - Jan Hansen, Overland Park, Kansas, \$25

July 31 - Nick Moore, Rochelle (CHS), \$25

Aug. 1 - T-Byrd Lanes, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 2 - Julia Turner, DeKalb \$25

Aug. 3 - Maplehurst Farms, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 4 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$50

Aug. 5 - Alexis Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 6 - Brent Ohlinger, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 7 - Mr. & Mrs. Chase Lodico, Chicago, \$25

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

Thu., Aug. 14
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes stuffed shells, spinach pie, mushroom bisque, salad; stuffed shells with meat sauce, garlic bread and salad. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.

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

Meetings

Mon., Aug. 12
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.

Tue., Aug. 13
7 p.m. — The Rochelle Elementary Board of Education will meet in regular session. The meeting is open to the public.

Mon., Aug. 19
6 p.m. — The City of Rochelle will host a Town Hall meeting to discuss the details of the new Cannabis Taxation and Regulation Act and the effect recreational marijuana use will have beginning Jan. 1, 2020. Talks will include whether Rochelle will be allowing dispensaries, and if so, where they would be permitted as well as what steps necessary to allow a dispensary. This is meant to be an informational meeting. No votes or decisions will be made that night.

709 4th Ave. (every Thursday)


Sun., Aug. 11
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)

Mon., Aug. 12
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 Drive.

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)

Tue., Aug. 13
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Dinner will be served at The Kitchen Table, 7034 E. Klondike Road. The menu includes grilled BBQ chicken on the grill, potato salad, baked beans and fruit. The kids' menu includes corn dog with chips, chicken nuggets or peanut butter and jelly.



Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Moment, for short

4 Nevada neighbor

8 Detergent brand

12 Savings plan acronym

13 Actor LaBeouf

14 Moby Dick's pursuer

15 Insect repellents

17 "— Lisa"

18 Harbor structure

19 Asian nation

20 Not intoxicated

22 Actor Newman

24 On in years

25 San Francisco carriage

29 Under the weather

30 Divine

31 "... and seven years —"

32 1776 crossing site

34 Porn

35 Sampras of tennis

36 Vatican heads

37 "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy

40 Sleeve end

41 Bedframe piece

42 Stump

DOWN

1 [Uncorrected]

2 Geological period

3 "Wichita Line-man" singer

4 Leading man in the theater?

5 Norse hammer thrower

6 Melody

7 Owns

8 Mexican entree

9 Breakfast chain acronym

10 Carvey or Delany

11 Abba of Israel

16 Piper's adjective

19 Seventh of a series

20 Put into words

21 Leer at

22 Chaplain

23 Competent

25 Layer

26 Marshmallow toaster

27 Chills and

28 Decays

30 Verdon or Stefani

33 Carelessness?

34 Couch

36 Lightweight boxer?

37 Norway's capital

38 Organization

39 Relaxation

40 "Be a sport"

42 Scoundrel

43 Corroded

44 Martini ingredient

45 Affirmative action?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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: L equals D

LTL MAS FGIQ VFIV AKL DFGN

BFA BIR RGIRAJTJW FTR

NQGJDF NQTGR? FG BIR

SRTJW RIKVM KIJWSIWG.

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King Crossword

Solution time: 27 mins.

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4	9	8	2	5	6	7	1	3
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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9	8	7	1	3	1	4	2	6
6	5	4	7	2	8	1	3	9
2	1	3	4	9	6	8	5	7

Answer

Did you hear that old chef who was seasoning his French fries? He was using salty language.

CryptoQuip

answer

STATE NEWS

Feds: State senator collected pay and benefits for 'little or no work'

Villa Park Dem Tom Cullerton indicted on 41 counts of embezzlement and false medical statements

BY REBECCA ANZEL
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD—An Illinois state senator was formally accused of collecting a salary as well as health and pension benefits from a labor union “for which he did little or no work” by a federal grand jury Friday in Cook County.

Villa Park Democrat Tom Cullerton, who has served in the General Assembly since January 2013, is charged with 40 counts in an indictment alleging he “knowingly conspire(d)” to embezzle from the Teamsters Joint Council 25 and Teamsters Local Union 734 Unions. Cullerton is also facing one count alleging he lied on health forms.

John Theis, the senator’s attorney, said in an emailed statement to the Chicago Tribune that the allegations against Cullerton are “simply not true, and we will be defending the charges in court.”

“As an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army and highly respected public servant, Tom Cullerton is a person who is dedicated to his family, constituents, and all Illinoisans,” Theis said in the statement. “The action by the U.S. Department of Justice has nothing to do with Mr. Cullerton’s work in the Illinois State Senate, but is the result of false claims by disgraced Teamsters boss John Coli in an apparent attempt to avoid penalties for his wrongdoing.”

Theis is married to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis. The federal government,



(CREDIT: SENATOR TOM CULLERTON.COM)

Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, is pictured here speaking on the Senate floor at the Capitol in Springfield. On Friday, Cullerton was indicted in federal court on 40 counts alleging he conspired to embezzle from the Teamsters Joint Council 25 and Teamsters Local Union 734 Unions. Cullerton, who has been in office since 2013, is also facing one count alleging he lied on health forms.

in court documents, claims the senator’s purported actions caused the union to lose \$274,066 from January 2013 through February 2016—\$188,320 in salary and allowances; \$64,068 in medical and pension plan contributions; and \$21,678 in “reimbursed medical claims.”

According to the indictment, Cullerton also received holiday bonuses for three years, and collected about \$60,000 from January 15, 2015, through the end of January 2016.

The senator was a member of Teamsters Local Union 734 before being elected to the General As-

sembly. While in office, in March 2013, Cullerton was hired as a union organizer, according to court documents. That position was a full-time one that came with health and pension benefits.

The indictment alleges the senator “was doing little or no work for Teamsters Joint Council 25 during each pay period he was paid full-time salary as an organizer,” even though he “was paid a monthly car and telephone allowance.”

Those full-time wages continued while Cullerton fulfilled his obligations as a state senator, the court documents continue.

He was hired to the union position by John Coli, the former union leader who recently agreed to work with federal prosecutors as part of a plea deal. Coli said in federal court he was guilty of extorting a film studio in Chicago.

Cullerton reported the additional income in a Statement of Economic Interests form with the secretary of state’s office, as required by Illinois law, in 2013 and 2014 but not in 2015 or 2016, according to the indictment.

“This is clearly part of an ongoing investigation,” John Patterson, spokesperson for Senate President John Cullerton, said in an emailed statement. “The senate president reminds everyone we have a system of justice that presumes everyone innocent until proven otherwise.”

The senate president, a Democrat from Chicago, is a distant cousin of Sen. Tom Cullerton.

Federal prosecutors submitted a document asking

that if Cullerton is found guilty of the charges against him, he should have to pay back \$274,066, which they allege is traceable to the alleged offenses.

Rep. Grant Wehrli, a Naperville Republican, called on Cullerton to resign.

“If true, his actions were highly illegal and completely unbecoming of the office he holds,” Wehrli said in a statement. “Ethical behavior is not a partisan issue. Members of both parties should be denouncing this type of conduct. I ask all Illinois lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, to join me in calling for Senator Cullerton’s resignation.”

Rep. Mart Batinick, a Republican from Plainfield, had a different take.

“Politicians who have put personal gain over the welfare of the citizens of Illinois are a big reason why we are in the financial mess we are in. There has been too much self-dealing for too long. Time after time I blame one group — the voters,” Batinick said in an emailed statement.

“This is not the first time something like this is happened yet voters keep rewarding the same leadership election after election. Voters need to step up, pay attention, and vote differently. Or, they need to stop complaining about our high taxes and corrupt governance,” the statement continued.

New laws, hunting education and upcoming ag events highlight week

A new law that seeks to make Illinois’ roadways safer for emergency personnel was signed into law on July 30. I attended the signing ceremony in Rockford. As a retired law enforcement officer, I take the loss of every brother or sister in blue personally.



Sen. Brian Stewart

Senate Bill 2038 is the result of a series of distracted-driving accidents earlier this year — one in northwest Illinois — that resulted in the death of three ISP Troopers

Senate Bill 2038 mandates the Secretary of State to include at least one question on the written driving test in regards to Scott’s Law, the safety standard in place requiring drivers to move over, if possible, and slow down when approaching an emergency vehicle.

The new law also creates the Move Over Task Force to study the issue of violations of Scott’s Law with attention to the causes of the violations and ways to protect law enforcement and emergency responders.

Scott’s Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department, who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan

Expressway. Senate Bill 2038 received unanimous support when it came before the Senate in May.

Hunting educational opportunities

Legislation aimed at promoting hunting education and safety was signed into law on July 26.

House Bill 3462 gives school districts the option to include hunting safety classes as part of their curriculum. The measure allows the Illinois State Board of Education to prepare and distribute instructional materials as guidelines for development of a unit of instruction on hunting education.

Schools will have final determination on what curriculum, if any, is taught in the classroom.

Having received the Governor’s signature, the new law takes effect immediately.

State fair

The 2019 Illinois State Fair gets under way Aug. 8 in Springfield. The 11-day event brings hundreds of thousands of people through its gates in celebration of agriculture, the state’s number one employer and driver of the state’s economy.

For daily schedules check out the Illinois State Fair website.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR CRESTON-DEMENT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Creston-Dement Public Library District for 2019 will be held on August 20, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the Library, 107 South Main St., Creston, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ms. Kristi Scherer, Director, 107 South Main St., Creston, Illinois, 60113, telephone (815) 384-3111.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2018 were \$126,768.74.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$138,200.00. This represents a 9% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2018 were \$126,768.74.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$138,200.00. previous year. This represents a 9% increase over the previous year.

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Former Rochelle football player Max Basler is joining the U.S. Army to become an officer after earning his bachelor's degree from Aurora University. Basler played four years of football with the Spartans.

U.S. Army up next for Rochelle lineman Basler

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Rochelle student-athlete Max Basler was playing through his sophomore football season at Aurora University when his team created perhaps his favorite memory from his four-year career with the Spartans.

Basler and his teammates were locked in a tough battle with Benedictine University for the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference title in November 2016. Leading by one point on Senior Day, the Spartans went to overtime, scoring a touchdown and adding an extra point to go ahead 28-21. Despite surrendering a touchdown to Benedictine, the Spartans blocked the point-after attempt, winning the game 28-27 and claiming the NACC crown.

The play found its way onto SportsCenter, ESPN's flagship sports program, and it was one of two moments Basler was quick to recount when reflecting on his career with the Spartans. The other was a 28-21 win over Rockford University in October 2017, when Basler recorded one of two sacks on Rockford's final drive of the game to seal a victory for the Spartans.

Basler graduated this spring with his bachelor's degree.

"I enjoyed being able to play the game with some of my best friends, and I enjoyed being able to hang out with them on a daily basis," Basler said. "Aurora University really helped me as a player by making me quicker, faster

and a better pass rusher... As a person, the football program helped me overcome my shyness by forcing me out of my comfort zone. Because of that, I now feel comfortable in any situation I'm in."

Basler finished his senior season this past fall with 10 total tackles including a season-high three tackles against Adrian College on Sept. 15, 2018. The 5-foot-10, 245-pound defensive lineman ended his career with 29 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, three sacks and one forced fumble. Basler earned a NACCAI-Conference Honorable Mention his junior season.

"My senior season went pretty well," Basler said. "I didn't have the same numbers as I did last season but I was definitely creating more opportunities for my teammates... After playing four years at Aurora University, I learned a lot about what it truly means to be hard working, and I've made hundreds of friends. We share a bond that can never be broken."

With his academic and athletic careers behind him, Basler will be enlisting in the U.S. Army and attending basic training Nov. 5. He plans to attend officer candidate school, where he will train to become an officer, upon completing basic training. One of Basler's favorite hobbies is weightlifting, and he said he wants to one day own his own gym.

"It's not the games I will miss the most, but the practices because we had so many fun and exciting moments that we created," Basler said. "We spent more time in practice than we spent on the field during games."

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Deadlines set for Sept. 9 and Sept. 16

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 21, 2019, the Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club, along with Pete Reiff and the Logan Hollow Fish Farm, will be providing fish for pond stocking and re-stocking at local establishments.

Channel catfish, hybrid sunfish, fathead minnow, sterile grass-eating carp, hybrid redear, red-

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Information can be obtained by calling 815-562-6268 and asking for Rich Melton.

The deadline for ordering grass-eating carp is Sept. 9. The deadline for ordering all other fish is Sept. 16.

RTHS Athletics

Ticket options open to the public

Hubs Fan Pass headlines new choices for fans

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School will offer fans three ways to support athletics during the 2019-20 school year.

The Hubs Fan Pass will be good for any RTHS sporting event. Passes can be purchased for both students and adults. These are general admission only and no reserve seats are available with this purchase.

The Hubs Fan Pass will be good for every home athletic event,



excluding the IHSA postseason.

Season tickets are available for the four home football games. These are assigned seats and will be available for football and basketball (which will be made

available prior to the season).

If you had reserved seats last year, those will be held for you until Aug. 5, 2019. After Aug. 5, tickets will be made available to new purchasers.

If you are the parent of a dance, cheer, marching band or football team member, you are eligible for a 25 percent discounted season ticket for football season.

Reserved parking will be offered for home foot-

ball games.

There are 25 spots for sale at \$50 per spot. This space will be held no matter what time you arrive at the game. The spaces are located at the northwest corner of the student parking lot. Separate payment is needed payable to Rochelle Township High School.

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ORDINANCE 19-04

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2019 AND ENDING
THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2020

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Creston-Dement Public Library District, of the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on July 16, 2019, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Creston-Dement Public Library District; and

WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of Creston-Dement Public Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CRESTON-DEMENT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF OGLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-wit:

FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

1. For payroll	\$ 47,500.00
2. For professional services	\$ 1,250.00
3. For travel	\$ 250.00
4. For books and materials	\$ 13,500.00
5. For contractual services	\$ 4,000.00
6. For rent	\$ 2,750.00
7. For telecommunications	\$ 1,550.00
8. For utilities	\$ 5,900.00
9. For continuing education	\$ 200.00
10. For publicity/public relations	\$ 250.00
11. For dues and memberships	\$ 350.00
12. For printing and postage	\$ 250.00
13. For programming	\$ 2,900.00
14. For operating supplies	\$ 2,100.00
15. For technology	\$ 4,250.00
16. For miscellaneous expenses	\$ 3,000.00
17. For contingencies	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 92,500.00

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]:

1. Social Security & Medicare	\$ 7,200.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,200.00

FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, [745 ILCS 10/9-107]:

1. Insurance (including public liability; property damage (fire); workers' compensation; unemployment compensation & treasurer's bond)	\$ 5,500.00
2. Legal Fees	\$ 500.00
3. Risk Management/Loss Control program	\$ 30,000.00
4. Contingency	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 40,000.00

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

1. Building Maintenance Costs	\$ 9,500.00
2. Contingency	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-35]:

1. For Working Cash Fund	\$ 55,250.00
TOTAL	\$ 55,250.00

FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-50]:

1. Building Fund	\$ 1,000.00
2. Contingency	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00

Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:

Projected cash on hand July 1, 2019	\$ -0-
Special Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
From Working Cash Fund	\$ 55,250.00
Miscellaneous gifts and donations	\$ 5,000.00
Income of interest	\$ 1,700.00
Special purpose grants	\$ 500.00
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Tax for General Corporate Library purposes	\$ 81,000.00
Tax for Social Security purposes	\$ 7,200.00
Tax for Liability and Insurance	\$ 40,000.00
Tax for Maintenance purposes	\$ 10,000.00
Expected cash on hand June 30, 2020	\$ 0

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Creston-Dement Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Creston-Dement Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 16th day of July, 2019.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CRESTON-DEMENT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By: *Dorey Kemper*
Its President

ATTEST:

Mary Kott
Secretary

BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District, Ogle County, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2019 at the Library District building located at 619 Fourth Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois 61068. Notice is further given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be available for inspection at the Library, August 15, 2019 to the day of the public hearing, during normal library hours. Dated this 1st day of August, 2019. Susan Sevedge, Secretary-Treasurer No. 0807 (Aug. 7)

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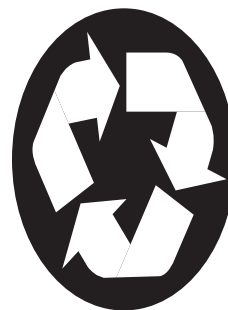
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AUCTIONS**

"PAPPY" PIERCE HARLEY DAVIDSON TOY AUCTION

The following H-D toys and collectibles were from the personal collection of Wayne "Pappy" Pierce. Pappy, Eleanor & Wiz owned and operated Pierce Harley Davidson for over 50 years here in Dekalb, Illinois. Several items are dealer issued only, and 90% are still "New In Box" never opened. Every item will be sold at Auction with no reserve. For convenience of the auction we have moved the items to Barbed Wire Harley Davidson, 969 North Peace Road, Dekalb, Illinois. The Dealership will be opened at 11:00 a.m.



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FARM NEWS

A 'fair' showing

BY MONETTA YOUNG

LEVI Eden has grown up attending the Ogle County Fair. He actually attended his first 4-H fair when he was just 6-weeks-old and his older sisters were showing projects.

Eden, now 14, had multiple projects at the fair this year: food, swine, poultry and horticulture/crops — this is his sixth year in 4-H.

For his food projects he entered yeast bread dinner rolls and a white cake. He enjoys time in the kitchen. For swine he had three show pigs, a carcass pig and competed in showmanship. Swine are judged on breeding gilt or market gilt. The judges look at mothering characteristics of breeding pigs and features for future litters. For market pigs, they look at how the animal will dress out.



Levi Eden has been in 4-H for six years. This year, one of his projects at the Ogle County Fair included showing swine.

He also entered 15 chickens in the annual show. The chickens are judged on coloring, formation and breed standards.

He grows many vegetables in his garden for 4-H projects as well. This year he grew tomatoes, hot peppers, sweet corn, onions and potatoes.



"The wet spring made a difficult start this year," said Eden. "But once they got planted they seemed to grow ok."

His favorite parts of the fair include the Ag Olympics where teams of four participate on an obstacle course. Through-

out the year he lends a helping hand at the extension office helping Jodi Baumgartner.

Eden is a member of the Carefree 4-H Club. He will be a freshman at Oregon High School this fall, where he participates in soccer and



Chickens and pigs are a big 4-H projects for Levi Eden.

baseball. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, trapping and hunting. The family has a variety of pets including an energetic puppy, fish and a bearded dragon, who watched intently as we chatted at the dining room table.

Helping behind the scenes

BY MONETTA YOUNG

JEANETTE Mingus has been serving as a parent volunteer for the past 12 years. She participated in 4H as a youth but never felt that it was the right fit for her.

She is the club leader for the Kings and Queens 4-H Club and has one child in the Clovers 4-H Club.

In the summer time, Mingus is busy assisting in set up of the projects in the Exhibit Building. Her official title is Assistant Superintendent of the Exhibit Building. The exhibit building houses all general projects from poster displays, visual arts and more.

There are 15 clubs in Ogle County for kids to be involved in. There are currently 358 members registered in Ogle County. Most members who have been active remain active for a year



Along with serving as a parent volunteer, Jeanette Mingus spent time assisting in setting up exhibits at the Ogle County Fair last week.

after graduating from high school.

"After high school, many of them become adult volunteers," said Mingus. "It is good to see them mentoring younger members and helping to plan for the fair."

Her favorite parts of the fair are seeing the look on the faces

of children who are seeing animals for the first time and watching the transition of the fair buildings as they prepare for fair week. It takes a lot of hours to make the fair happen.

For the projects in the exhibit building, they get judged one by one with the judge and

the creator (4-H member) having a conversation. Sometimes it might not be the most polished project in the group, but the member has extensive knowledge about the project. Members are not segregated by gender for any project.

There are 53 divisions in the project

handbook with multiple classes in each division. It's not just cooking, sewing and farm animals anymore.

Judges are community members, many are repeaters in the judging field. They are often recommended by friends of the fair and asked to volunteer.

The judges are utilized according to their knowledge and interests. Absentee judging is also available for members who cannot be at the fair for one reason or another.

If you missed the fair this year, be sure to mark your calendar for the 2020 fair.

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