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GENEVA LAKE CONSERVANCY

RECEIVES ZABLER FARM DONATION

FONTANA, Wisconsin – The Geneva Lake Conservancy and Howard and Bev Zabler announced today that they have completed the donation of 61 acres of the Zabler family farm to the Geneva Lake Conservancy.

The Zabler farm is a well-established conservation farm located in the Village of Rochester in western Racine County. It is a part of a Primary Environmental Corridor and provides habitat for the Blanding's turtle, a state and federal endangered species, as well as numerous other wildlife.

Originally a family dairy farm, the third-generation of Zabler family owners, Howard and Bev Zabler, envisioned a full land restoration for the conservation of native species as their best stewardship of the land for restoring environmental health and maintaining ecosystems for wildlife. From 1996 to 1998, they restored the cropland to a 36-acre native Wisconsin prairie and 13 acres of wetland and planted 7,500 native species trees.

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The Conservancy will continue to manage it as a private preserve with educational tours and fundraising events for the public at least four times a year. Howard and Bev Zabler continue to own the adjacent 16 acres that include the farmhouse, barn and other buildings. When the Zablers vacate that property, the 61 acres will be open to the public for hiking and wildlife viewing.

Howard's grandfather, Ernest Zabler, the son of August and Mary (Teut) Zabler, grew up in Rochester and bought this parcel of land in the early 1900's from the Oldenberg family to start his own dairy farm. His son, Wallace E. Zabler, who was born on the farm in 1914, joined the Navy in 1932 and became a WWII POW in Burma when his ship, the USS Houston, was sunk. He fortunately survived this ordeal and returned home in 1945 to marry his sweetheart, Donna Peck, the daughter of another local founding family and dairy farmer.

They bought Wallace's family farm in 1960, renting out the buildings and cropland, while maintaining the yard and planting over 50 trees there. His son, Howard, mowed the lawn and flagged the tree seedlings he sighted to mow around, raising 20 or so self-seeded trees to maturity. Wallace and Donna, moved to the farm in 1968 and stayed there through their retirement, with Howard joining them on college breaks and taking care of them in their final years. Howard and Bev began shared ownership of the land in 1992.

The property will be known as the Wallace E. Zabler Nature Preserve and a dedication of the preserve will be held in May 2021.

"Howard and Bev Zabler have been excellent caretakers of this scenic land and we are honored that they have entrusted us to continue this role," said Tom Nickols, vice chair of the Conservancy. "Their donation protects this land and its high conservation values for future generations and is an invaluable gift to the community."

The Conservancy has protected more than 2,800 acres of land in Walworth County and has expanded its mission to include the Burlington area. During a community conversation with Burlington residents in 2018, residents said they needed to

protect more of the rural farms in the area from subdivision and development.

"The Zabler farm is an example of land with high conservation value that should not be developed," said Karen Yancey, the Conservancy's Executive Director. It is in the Honey and Sugar Creek watershed, one of the Conservancy's focus areas, and helps preserve the open lands in the charming community of Rochester, she said.

The Conservancy is working with other landowners in the Burlington/Rochester area to protect open lands with high conservation value. It

The Geneva Lake Conservancy is a 43-year-old land trust that is accredited by the National Land Trust Alliance. It holds 35 conservation easements and owns 5 nature preserves that are open to the public. The Conservancy received the 2020 Wisconsin Land Trust of the Year award from Gathering Waters, the state land trust organization. For more information on its preserves and programs, go to www.genevalakeconservancy.org.

News from your State Representative



The most important vote a state legislator makes is on the two-year state budget. In order to make the right decisions for the state, we gathered input from the 63rd Assembly District and around Wisconsin. I would like to thank everyone who attended my listening sessions virtually or in-person. Also, thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out my spring budget survey. It's important that I hear your thoughts on the state-related matters that directly impact you and your family.

Summertime offers a great opportunity to travel and enjoy the great outdoors. If you're able to take a vacation, I encourage you to travel Wisconsin. Our tourism industry is an important part of our state economy. Tourist and visitor activity sustains hundreds of thousands of jobs and often has an economic impact of over \$20 billion per year. For ideas on where to go and what you can do, visit travelwisconsin.com.

My office is currently looking for fall interns. If you know college students who may be interested in learning about the legislative process, have them e-mail a resume and cover letter to my office. An Assembly Republican internship is a great opportunity to see state government in action and have a better understanding of the important issues facing the state.

If you ever have questions or comments on the items going before the Wisconsin State Assembly, don't hesitate to give my office a call at (608) 266-9171 or e-mail me at Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov.



INFORMATION

THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JULY 5th
for INDEPENDENCE DAY



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NEWS & UPDATES

Former Community State Bank Rochester Location Transforming into a Community Coffee House

March 29th, 2021

ROCHESTER, WI – What once was known as the Community State Bank Rochester location (201 West Main Street) will soon become a coffee house. Community State Bank along with new owners, Jane and Bob Willard worked together to ensure the historic building would be used as something that could benefit the community as a whole.

"Rochester is such a neat community that's filled with history," said Community State Bank President and CEO, Scott Huedepohl. "While this location was not suitable for our needs, it is a historic piece of the community and we recognize that. Our priority while selling was to ensure it would go to an owner that appreciates its uniqueness and would create a place for the whole community to enjoy."

The Willards have chosen Chef Jaclyn of Wholesome Harvest and DW Coffee as the lead operators of the future coffee house, which will be called DW Coffee at the Bank. Items that will be for sale include specialty coffee beverages, grab-and-go soups, sandwiches, salads, baked goods and catering options for parties or families. All items will be made with seasonal ingredients grown by local farmers.

"Both Chef Jaclyn Tripp and DW Coffee are looking forward to taking an active part in the community while providing wonderful food and drink," explained Jane. "We're all excited to welcome the community to the coffee house and cannot wait to release more exciting details soon."

"We felt that a coffee house would compliment the other businesses in Downtown Rochester," continued Bob. "Businesses that are vital, varied and interesting."

The Willards hope to have DW Coffee at the Bank open mid-July 2021. Remodeling and construction of the building is being managed by PSG and officially began at the start of 2021. More details and the full story will be released closer to the opening date. For updates on this project, please visit Wholesome Harvest's Facebook Page: [Facebook.com/WHMWI/](https://www.facebook.com/WHMWI/).



Official Groundbreaking Ceremony

The official groundbreaking ceremony took place on Wednesday, March 24th, 2021. Pictured Left to Right: Leslie Scherrer Pella (Partner, PSG), Peter Scherrer (Partner, PSG), Bob Willard (Coffee House Owner), Doug Webb (Trustee, Village of Rochester), Teri Eulgen (Waterford Retail Manager, Community State Bank), Betty Novy (Village Administrator, Village of Rochester), Jane Willard (Coffee House Owner), Scott Huedepohl (President & CEO, Community State Bank)

ABOUT COMMUNITY STATE BANK

Community State Bank, a \$561 million locally owned and operated community bank, is headquartered in Union Grove, WI and has proudly served the communities of Southeastern WI since 1898. For more information, please visit CSB online at CSB.bank.



VILLAGE MEETINGS

Standing Meetings at the Village Hall:

Plan Commission Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of every month

Village Board Meetings: First and Third Monday of every month

Honey Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District: Third Tuesday of every month

Zoning Board of Appeals: Fourth Thursday of every month (when needed)

Library Board: First Tuesday of every month

Open meeting laws require that meeting notices be posted at least 24 hours in advance of every meeting and that the items being discussed at the meeting be detailed in the notice. Please contact the Village Clerk for information on how to place an item on an agenda. Agendas are posted, most commonly on

Fridays for the up coming week on the Village Website: <http://rochesterwi.us>

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ROCHESTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Letter received by Leslie Krueger from Heinz Schroeder, reported killed on August 29th.

August 30th, 1944

So. France

Dear Les:

Received several of your letters today and even though I haven't much time, I'll write you the latest. Still trying to convince Jerry that France is no place for him and to get out fast. He thinks otherwise, so we have to prove it to him. Have covered quite a bit of ground since we got here.

Am feeling fine, getting enough to eat, but losing sleep. Move mostly at night and surprise him in the morning. Have to keep on the alert at all times.

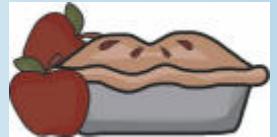
Country is beautiful around here. Reminds me a lot of home. The scenery, houses, fields etc. The one thing which one will remember about Southern France are the French Alps. Really a thrilling sight as one travels through them.

P.S. Will write again soon. Have been trading cigarettes' of which there really is a shortage, for eggs, fruit, vegetables, home made jam, etc. The wine and French beer we have been getting for nothing. People just give it to us. Have received a hearty welcome from the people here, especially the women. A French custom of welcome is a kiss and I haven't been able to resist them yet. Yes, What a life to lead. Love Heinz



RAHS 18th Annual "Day In The Country Pie Contest/Auction"

Saturday, September 18, 2021



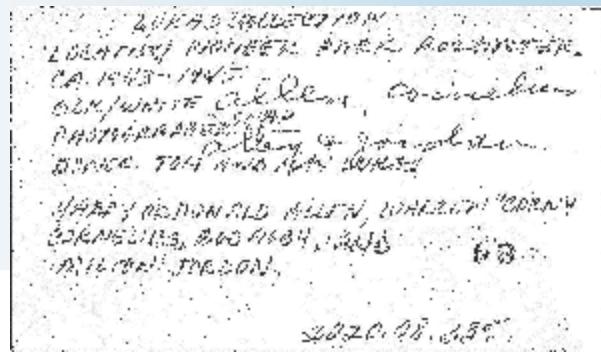
Please read carefully as some things have changed.

- **Rule 1:** No Refrigerated pies.
- **Rule 2:** Pies must be baked in a 9" glass or aluminum pan. Pans are not returned to you, so choose accordingly.
- **Rule 3:** Ingredients must be written on a 4X6 inch—NOT the recipe. This is to protect the judges and potential buyers.
- **Rule 4:** Pies must be delivered to the **Edward's Building (formally Finder's Keepers) 204 West Main Street.** Drop off is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Doors will open at 9:am. Look for signs on which door to drop off.
- **Rule 5:** You can enter more than one pie if you wish. Anyone can enter...
- **Rule 6:** PRIVATE judging is done panel and judged on appearance and taste. Names are removed from the pie after it is registered.
- **Rule 7:** The Judges decisions are final. Pies then become the property of the RAHS and will be auctioned at 1:00 pm.
- Top three pies win monetary prizes

Hello, Just a note of gratitude to all of the bakers who have entered our pie contest in the past, THANK YOU!! We, who make up the RAHS appreciate all the time and talent you put forth for our society.

Your efforts help us financially every year. We purchase non-acid materials to store and protect donations we collect from people who are connected to the area we cover. Without you and this event, this would not be as easy to get done. So not only are you helping us...you are giving someone a chance to buy a mouth-watering pie!

Sincerely, Joni Beck



(Back of Photo)
Photo of men from Rochester Town/Village that served in Word War II





HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO CENTRAL RACINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CRCHD)



The Role of Public Health in Your Community
Central Racine County Health Department

What is Local Public Health? As your local public health department, we are here to improve the health of the communities we serve through health promotion, disease prevention, and protection from health and environmental hazards. Public health focuses on the whole community, and this is exemplified by our COVID-19 response that has required an all-hands-on-deck response for the past year and a half.

What are Required Essential Services? These include the following: 1) Monitoring population health data; 2) Investigating health issues and hazards; 3) Providing health information; 4) Mobilizing community partnerships; 5) Enforcing laws and regulations; 6) Linking people to needed services; 7) Developing policies and programs; 8) Evaluating service effectiveness; 9) Researching public health issues; and 10) Assuring a competent workforce.

What are CRCHD Programs? Environmental health, community health, and emergency preparedness programs include, but are not limited to: 1) Inspection/licensing of restaurants, retail food, temporary food, taverns, hotels/motels, public pools, campgrounds, and body art establishments; 2) DNR well sampling program for transient, non-community systems; 3) Human health hazard investigation; 4) Animal bite/rabies investigation; 5) Radon and well water kit dispersal; 6) Medication collection drop boxes; 7) Lead poisoning follow up; 8) Immunization clinics; 9) Immunization vaccine assurance; 10) Communicable disease investigation and follow up; 11) Prenatal and post-partum home visiting services; 12) Adult services including blood pressure checks and TB skin tests; 13) Health education; 14) Childhood injury prevention; 15) Emergency planning; 16) Health data analyses; and 17) Community Health Improvement Plan strategies such as Suicide Prevention Work Group.

Our Team: Administration, Health Technicians, Public Health Nurses, Environmental Health Sanitarians, Home Visitors, Public Health Educators, Public Health Specialists, Public Health Strategists, and Epidemiologists.

Where can I get CRCHD Information? For information on COVID-19 and other programs, go to our website at www.crchd.com and read our 2020 CRCHD Annual Report at <https://crchd.com/crchd-annual-reports>.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ROCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY



Safety Message from Rochester Fire and Rescue

A report from the United States Fire Administration, summer is one of the most dangerous seasons for fire related injuries. Outdoor portable fire pits are very popular. Keep in mind that these should never be located on or near a wood deck. Locate these at least 20feet from any combustible structure. Have an emergency water supply close at hand. Never, even for a moment leave the fire unattended when children are present. Sounds like common sense doesn't it? Thousands of fire related damage and injuries occur every year, not following simple rules.



July is the peak month for grilling fires. Keep your grill at least 3 feet away from objects and people. First time this season, lighting your gas grill, inspecting the hose and connections can prevent a disaster. A soap and water solution will detect any leaks when it bubbles. Always light the gas



grill with the lid open and never lean over the grill when igniting. Charcoal grills produce Carbon Monoxide so never use a charcoal grill in the garage. Don't even think about storing the grill in the garage after you are done grilling. The charcoal can stay hot for more than 48 hours.

Have a safe summer!

ANNUAL CLEAN SWEEP August 14, 2021



Details are on Page 3



INFORMATION

BOARD OF REVIEW

Property owners are reminded that the Assessment Board of Review meets only once a year to hear appeals on property assessment values. The 2021 meeting has been scheduled for June 30, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Objection forms and instructions to be heard by the Board of Review will be available at the Village Clerk's office, however it is highly recommended that you discuss your assessment with the assessor before filing an official objection. The Board of Review is a quasi-judicial body that is greatly limited on what evidence it can accept in order to adjust values. The Assessor has much more flexibility.

The Assessor will be available for an Assessment Roll Open Book Session on Wednesday, June 23 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for property owners to review their assessment with the assessor personally and discuss any concerns.

Additionally, anyone seeking information on property assessment or the appeals process can contact the Village Clerk (262-534-1181) or the Village Assessor, Kathy Romanak (262-534-1186) at any time.

NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS



Every person is required by law to destroy all of the following noxious weeds growing on land in the Village of Rochester, Racine County, Wisconsin, owned, operated, or controlled by that person:

Notice is hereby given to each & every person who owns, occupies or controls land in the Village of Rochester to cut or destroy all noxious weeds, which include but are not limited to: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Marijuana or Hemp, Field Binweed (commonly known as Creeping Jenny), Musk Thistle (*Carduus Nutans L.*) Goats-beard, Quack or Quitch Grass, Harmful Barberry & English Charlock, Wild Mustard, Purple Loosestrife or Multiflora Rose. This must be done at such time and in such a manner as shall effectively prevent them from bearing seed or spreading to adjoining properties, as required by Section 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Thistles must be cut before they reach seed stage.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS— DON'T FORGET TO "SCOOP THE POOP"



It's that time of year when a lot of pet owners are walking man's best friend. Always carry a plastic bag or other device so when your pet "does his duty" you have something to clean it up with. It's not a pretty job, but the owners have to do it.

Dog owners please take special note of this and act responsibly- not only to your neighbor's property but also the parks and bike trails. We receive a lot of complaints in the summer about pet owners not cleaning up after their pets. Please use the same courtesy when or if you visit the dog park in Case Eagle. Horse owners should also use the same courtesy.

Village ordinance 9-1 B.6. states: *Animal Waste. No animal owner shall allow the same to be on any public or private property, not owned or possessed by any such person, unless he has a device to scoop up excrement and an appropriate depository to put such excrement in. This shall not apply to visually handicapped or otherwise disabled persons who are unable to conform to this provision.*

Responsible pet ownership also means keeping control of your pet even in your own yard.



FOURTH OF JULY & FIRE WORKS

Back in 2016 the Village passed an ordinance requiring a permit to discharge fireworks in the Village of Rochester. This permit can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office for a \$15 fee.

Fireworks can only be discharged July 3rd through July 5th (no exceptions) and between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.. A separate permit must be purchased for each day the fireworks are to be discharged. You MUST follow local and state ordinances. A copy of those ordinances will be provided to you at the time of application. You can find the ordinance on the Village website at <http://rochesterwi.us> Chapter 9-8



LATEX PAINT DISPOSAL

Most times right after holding our hazardous waste event we get the call.....**What can I do with these cans of left over paint?!** Good news is you don't have to wait for an event to dispose of latex paint.

Latex is **NOT** a hazardous waste (it is a water-based product), but it is a liquid waste that must be properly disposed. Dumped illegally, it can plug up septic fields, overload sewage treatment plants, and create environmental messes on the ground. Here are some options to consider:

10 cans or less

1. Purchase a commercial paint hardener and follow the label directions. These products are available at hardware stores and improvement centers for \$1.00 to



\$2.00 dollars.

- Open can lids and expose paint to sun and warm temperatures. This technique works best in the summer with small amounts of left over paint. Place the can in the trash after paint has hardened.



Latex paint is not hazardous

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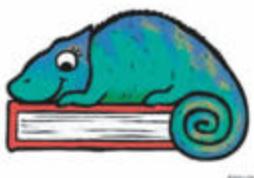
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ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS— SUMMER 2021

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Website: <http://www.rochester.lib.wi.us>

New SUMMER Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:30—5:30 PM
Saturday 9:30—1 PM

Summer Reading Program Sign Up

Due to the pandemic we are beginning our summer reading program **Tails * Tales** later than usual. For our patrons (kids) Health and safety we will continue to follow guidelines as proposed by RCH dept. Summer Reading Program sign up begins July 6.

Summer Story Time in the Park

Tuesdays @ 1PM

Join us for story times with a different theme each Tuesday. The story time program will begin at 1PM and last approximately 30 minutes. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Best for ages 2½ +

June

Tuesday 8, 15, 22, 29

July

Tuesday 13, 29, 27

August

Tuesday 3



Art Camp

Ages 9+ August 9-13

10:30 -1pm.

Join visiting art teacher MS Jennifer for a week of creative fun. Attendees must commit to the full week of classes. Space is limited. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Rochester Library. **Registration Required**

Chapters and Chats

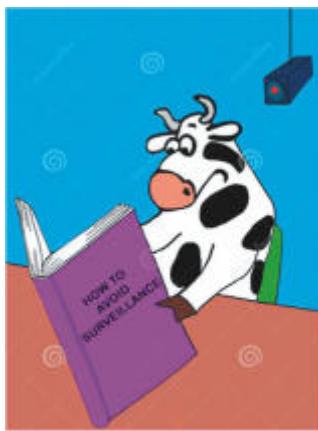
Link up with Lucy and friends for a program aimed at tween/teens. Book talk, games, conversation AND a weekly *SMOOTHIE INVENTION* each week!

Thursdays at 1pm. **Chapters and Chats begins June 17 at 1 pm.**

CELEBRATE JUNE DAIRY MONTH

Each time you check out at the Rochester Library enter to win a basket of **UDDERLY** great prizes! Winner will be drawn June 30th.

GOT BOOKS???





COVER TO COVER

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS—SUMMER 2021 (CONTINUED)

Magic Show...."Imagine the Impossible"

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Wednesday, July 28 at 1:30

Join us for a program of family fun!

All Ages welcome.



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Thursday, July 15, 1-1:45 pm

An entertaining program for kids of all ages



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Wednesday, August 4....1 PM

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NO HASSLE TASSLES

Tassels are in! Get creative

With Wendy Ela July 9, 6PM

Registration is a must! Ages 9+



BEE TALES

Thursday July 22 2PM

Join library friend and neighbor Stephen Adam

for a program about the importance of BEES to our environment. Our program will include several projects (we will be constructing BEE HOMES) and snacks. The Racine County Farm Bureau has provided funding for this program. This program is for all ages. IT'S A HONEY OF A DEAL!!!!!! (Registration requested)



COMING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11

MARK HAYWARD'S FAMILY COMEDY SHOW



World class yo yo man, comedy juggler and all around family entertainer is coming to Rochester Public Library. The show begins at 1:30. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the entertainment!

Check our website and FB for further program information. Enjoy the summer and when the kids say: "there's nothing to do" tell them that's BALONEY! Visit the LIBRARY!!!

NONSENSE



Summer Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-5:30 pm; Closed Friday;
Saturday 9:30 am-1:00 pm; Closed Sunday.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Kathy Romanak – Assessor

For general information of real estate property and or assesses values, contact Kathy Romanak at her home office (262) 534- 1186. Email inquiries to kathyromanak88@gmail.com

Animal Control

For helpful information on animal issues, contact Christopher Birkett at (262) 332-1017

Garbage & Recycling

Collection Day = Every Friday
Have your garbage out by 6 a.m.
Fridays. For information, contact: ASDA
For large items and T.V's Call
(262) 539-2086

Rochester Cemetery

Gary Schrader (262) 534-5544

Honey Creek Cemetery

Debbi Perman
262-534-2954

Deputy Cindy Milam

Racine County Sheriff's Department
Non - Emergency line: (262)534-5166

Rochester Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Non-Emergency: (262) 534-3444
-Volunteers Welcome-

Rochester Public Library

Mary Stapleton, Director
(262)534-3533

Winter Hours:

Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Closed Friday.
Sat. 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Rochester Historical Society

History and genealogy questions
answered.

Joni Beck (262)534-2071
Greg Sponholtz

Rochester Post Office

(262) 534-6100