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Surprise visit

State Senator Jim Wright paid a special visit to longtime friend, Grace Moore, a resident of the Ladies Home in Oswego. Wright worked with Moore at the Oswego County Department of Social Services in Mexico just after he graduated from college in the 70s. He spent an hour visiting with Moore in the parlor and listened as she played her rendition of "Amazing Grace" on the piano. Moore has a CD of her piano tunes which serves as a fundraiser for a scholarship through the Mexico High School.

Accepting nominations

The Zonta Club of Oswego is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Amelia Earhart Woman of Achievement Award. The deadline is Aug. 1

For more information, contact Mary McGowan at 343-2451.

No July support group

The Fulton Bereavement Support Group will not hold a July meeting. The next meeting will be Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

The group meets the second Friday of every month at the Fulton Mills Apartments, first floor lounge.

Anyone who is dealing with a death may attend. Friends or relatives who want to accompany them to offer emotional support are welcome.

Confidentiality is strictly maintained and new participants are always welcome.

For more information, call Donna Lupien at 342-6326 or Myrtle Crow at 593-6831.

Mexico farmers' market info

For the weeks of July 16 and 23 the Mexico Farmers' Market will be held behind the high school on Main Street from 4-7 p.m.

On July 30 the market will resume operation at the Firemen's Field.

The buzz, the bad and the biting; EEE hits birds

The eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus was found in a pool of mosquitoes collected near the Toad Harbor Swamp in West Monroe, Kathleen Smith, Oswego County Public Health Director, announced Wednesday.

The virus has only been found in the type of mosquitoes that bite birds, not in mosquitoes that feed on humans or other mammals, said Smith.

The mosquitoes were collected June 25 near the large swamp on the north shore of Oneida Lake and sent to the state health department's Wadsworth Center Laboratories near Albany for

testing. The Toad Harbor site is a longtime surveillance location known to periodically harbor the virus.

Smith said that the surveillance programs conducted by Oswego County and the State Department of Health indicate the population of bird-biting mosquitoes is extremely low, due to dry weather.

EEE is transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito. In rare cases, EEE causes inflammation and swelling of the brain. Symptoms include sudden high fever, muscle pains, and a headache

of increasing severity. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention.

"There are about 60 different species of mosquitoes in New York State, but only a few species are capable of transmitting the EEE virus," said Smith. "Typically, the EEE virus becomes established in bird-biting species before it crosses over into the human-biting species of mosquitoes. We've also been testing species that bite people, but the virus has only been found in mosquitoes

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Tiballi unanimous choice to lead city school board

By COLIN KENNEDY

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The Oswego City School District board of education unanimously elected Maggie Tiballi and Sally Nettles as the new president and vice president of the board, respectively, during Tuesday's reorganizational meeting.

Both long-standing members of the board, Tiballi anticipates a smooth transition and an effective leadership that will benefit the board as a whole. "We make an incredible team," she said.

Tiballi is currently a math professor at SUNY Oswego, and Nettles is a retired BOCES teacher.

"I've watched presidents come and go for five years," said Tiballi, "and I've been watching them and

thinking about what works and what doesn't. Now it's my opportunity to test my hypothesis, so to speak."

As part of that hypothesis, Tiballi plans to unite the board to work together better as a unit and hopefully continue the positivity that the board has accomplished in recent years. "We need to work together and see the big picture," she said. "We need to understand our role and effectively carry out that role."

As her first order of business, Tiballi wants to see what is needed for the upcoming school year. "Thinking about what last year's goals were, we need to decide what this year's goals should be," she said. "We need to know exactly what we want to accomplish and how we want to accomplish it."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, board members Sean Madden and Jim Tschudy both took the oath of office. Madden was sworn in for his second term while Tschudy began



Tiballi

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'All Things Harry' happening at the Oswego Public Library

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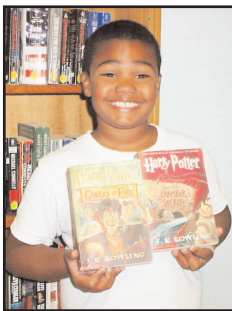
With the seventh book coming out this month, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the Oswego Public Library is preparing for an afternoon of fun celebrating the book with a Harry Potterfest.

The event will start on July 19 around 2:30 p.m. at the library and will probably end somewhere around 3:30 p.m. The actual release of the book is slated for July 21.

"All things Harry will be happening," said Judi Furnari, a spokesperson for the library. Prizes, games and surprises will be presented at the event, including give-aways of some of the older Harry Potter books.

Participants are encouraged to bring in their favorite Harry Potter memorabilia to show off, or even come dressed up if they want to.

The event will mark the second Harry Potterfest, with the first one having been last summer with a



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Noah Weddington holds the second and fourth Harry Potter books.

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City kids arrive for summer fun

BY JOHN LARSON

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Braving the heat Tuesday evening, a group of families waited anxiously for a bus which was late for its arrival to the United Baptist Church of Scriba.

However, this was no ordinary bus. This bus was filled with New York City children that were coming to Oswego for a summer vacation, courtesy of the Fresh Air Fund.

A half an hour after its scheduled arrival time, the bus pulled into the parking lot to the delight of everyone waiting, especially volunteer host, Eileen Sharkey of Oswego.

"I think this is a great program," Sharkey said. "The kids from New York City get a great experience and the kids from Oswego also get a great experience."

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Dan Gunderson, left, the governor's Upstate economic czar, and city Mayor Randy Bateman discuss the possibilities.

Mayor touts prospects

By COLIN KENNEDY

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Dan Gunderson, the Upstate economic czar and co-chairman of the Empire State Development Corporation, paid a visit to the Oswego area for the first time since his inception to the position in order to gauge the economic landscape of the region.

"I'm here to get a feel for the needs up here as well as the opportunities," he said. "I'm getting my bearings on what issues are important for success. ... I want to ensure that the city, region and the county have the infrastructure tools they need to be able to succeed."

Accompanied by Mayor Randy Bateman, Gunderson was given a tour of the city, examining the potential for business prospects. His outlook for the region is positive.

"I saw downtown, talked to business owners, saw the business activ-

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Eileen Sharkey and her family pose with their Fresh Air child, Destiny Rivera, 11. From left are, Breanna Sharkey, Destiny Rivera, Kayla Sharkey, Mrs. Sharkey and Cody Sharkey.

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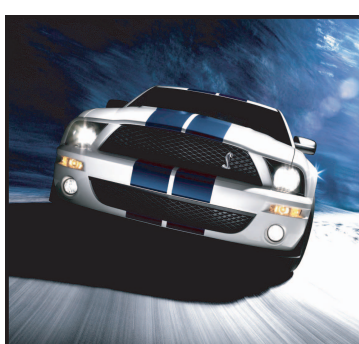
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