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Emergency crews respond to a two-vehicle crash Wednesday night on East Lake Road in Owasco. PROVIDED

### ELECTION 2016

# Ballots facing legal fight

Objections raised to N.Y. Senate petitions

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Two of the seven Republicans vying for the party's nomination to succeed state Sen. Michael Nozzolio are facing the possibility of being thrown off the Sept. 13 primary ballot.

Objections have been filed against petitions submitted by Joe Geiger, a Wayne County resident and Army veteran, and Bobby Massarini, a Cayuga County businessman. Both candidates circulated petitions to run in the 54th Senate District race.



Geiger

John Conklin, a spokesman for the state Board of Elections, said hearings will be held Friday to address the objections. A hearing officer will issue recommendations on whether the petitions are valid. The state election commissioners will review the recommendation and vote on whether to accept it at their Aug. 5 meeting.

Conklin also noted that objections have been filed against two other candidates in the 54th District race. Ontario County Legislator Charlie Evangelista's Democratic petitions and Rose Supervisor Kenan Baldrige's Working Families party petitions are being challenged.

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# Auburn woman killed

Vehicle rear-ended on lakeside road in Owasco

THE CITIZEN STAFF

One person was killed and another was injured in a two-vehicle crash near a popular eatery in Owasco Wednesday night.

The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office said the crash occurred at about 9:41 p.m. on East Lake Road, which is also Route 38A.

Chloe Calhoun, 18, of Auburn was driving a 2005 Ford Escape and had just exited the Tom Thumb Drive in parking lot. Her vehicle was heading north when it was struck from behind by a 2013 Chevy Avalanche operated by Dain Schneider, 33, of Owasco.

Calhoun, a 2016 Auburn High School graduate, was transported to Auburn Community Hospital and then airlifted to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse, where she died as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash.

Schneider was transported to Upstate University Hospital and is being treated for non-life threatening injuries, authorities said.

The sheriff's office said the drivers were the only occupants in their respective vehicles. Investigators said they could not immediately comment on what factors may have contributed to the crash, saying the investigation was continuing.

The speed limit along the two-lane stretch road by Tom Thumb, where vehicles frequently enter and exit the parking lot, is 55 mph.

The sheriff's office asks anyone who witnessed the crash or either vehicle prior to the accident to contact Detective Brian Schenck at (315) 253-3545.

The stretch of road near Tom Thumb was also the site of a fatal crash on July 11, 1979. Carmela Galbato, wife of long-time drive-in owner Thomas Galbato, was struck by a drunk driver while walking from the family's nearby home to the restaurant.

Thomas Galbato has spent many years raising awareness about drunk driving dangers through an organization called CARM (Curb Alcohol Related Mortalities).



Friends send lanterns into the sky in remembrance of Chloe Calhoun Thursday night the softball field at Herman Avenue Elementary School in Auburn. GWENDOLYN CRAIG, THE CITIZEN

## Victim was athlete, honor student

AUBURN — One Auburn girl has touched hundreds of lives, and that was apparent Thursday evening as many gathered to remember Chloe Calhoun, an 18-year-old who was killed in a crash Wednesday night in Owasco.

When Auburn High School softball coach Bob Lee thinks of Calhoun, he always pictures her smiling.

The 2016 Auburn graduate and star outfielder for the Maroons was always making others feel better with her upbeat attitude.

"She always brought a smile to my face because she was always smiling," Lee said. "Everything was always positive. You couldn't ask for a better person."

Under a night sky dotted with blazing, colorful lanterns, friends and family shared memories of the girl with the bright smile, who'd

call her friends, "Girly," got tough when it came to softball, and made people's bad days turn upside down.

Officer Chris Major of the Auburn Police Department is the school's resource officer. He recalled times when Calhoun would skip class to come and chat, always making him laugh. Giggles and laughs waved throughout the crowd, and candles illuminated teary smiles.

Softball teammates called Calhoun the "rock of the team," even recalling times when she had convinced some of her friends to come back to the game after they had quit.

Jeff Pirozzolo, superintendent of Auburn schools, addressed the crowd gathered at the Herman Avenue softball complex, a place Calhoun practiced often, after so many happy memories were shared.

"She has touched every-

body here tonight," he said. "The joy she's brought, you can hear it."

Lee said the location of the candlelight vigil was fitting because the sport was such a big part of Calhoun's life. This past season, she was the Auburn team leader in hitting, home runs and runs batted in.

And she was a true emotional leader, Lee said: "She made everybody feel like a superstar."

Calhoun was planning to attend Utica College and play softball. She was consistently an honor roll student, according to The Citizen's archives. Calhoun also was a charter member of Auburn's Z Club, a group under the Zonta International umbrella which aims to achieve gender equality and end violence against women and girls.

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### AUBURN

# Assassin among inmates in city yard

McKinley's killer was executed in Auburn

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The assassin of William McKinley, the 25th president of the United States, was likely among the executed Auburn inmates buried in an unmarked graveyard on Fitch Avenue outside of Fort Hill Cemetery, re-

ords show.

Leon Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29, 1901, and according to New York's The National Police Gazette, "arrangements were immediately made to bury the body in quicklime in the prison cemetery, which will speedily obliterate all trace of it." Reports in The Auburn Bulletin describes Czolgosz's burial on Fitch Avenue outside the gate of Fort Hill Cemetery.

The unmarked burial ground was discovered last weekend by the family living at 63 Fitch Ave. when they were doing some construction work. The Auburn Police Department confirmed Monday that the bones found were human, and they are currently at the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office to determine how many individuals may be associated, the sex and age.

Detective Bryant Bergenstock

with the APD, told The Citizen Thursday that it does look likely that the remains are those of Auburn inmates.

"Based on the research and the historical data thus far, the remains are most likely that of former inmates from the correctional facility, however the investigation is ongoing," Bergenstock said.

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### COURT

# Veteran admits hitting officer

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AUBURN — A U.S. Army veteran admitted to assaulting an Auburn police officer Thursday in Cayuga County criminal court.

Christopher Ackerley, of 48 Havens Ave. in Auburn, pleaded guilty to felony second-degree assault, resisting arrest, second-degree obstructing governmental administration and obstructing emergency medical services.

According to Cayuga County Assistant District Attorney Chris Valdina, the 27-year-old was arrested Nov. 17 after police received a concerned call from the defendant's mother saying her son had threatened to harm himself.

"(Ackerley) ran into the woods behind Cayuga Community College and his mother said he could have a knife on him," Valdina said, adding that Ackerley was also intoxicated at the time. "The police set up a perimeter and (Ackerley) came out and immediately attacked an officer."



Ackerley

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