

Northwest suburbs

Judges honored for service:

Two judges based at the Cook County courthouse in Rolling Meadows were honored by the Northwest Suburban Bar Association for their dedicated work in the courtroom and in the community. The association presented its highest honor, the President's Award for Distinguished Public Service, to Judge James P. Etchingham and Judge Joel L. Greenblatt at the association's installation dinner. The bar association's incoming president, Donald Cosley, said the two judges, who frequently preside over domestic violence cases, were an easy choice. "That courtroom is one of the most difficult ones in the building. You've got very heated cases," Cosley said. "They are doing the work of multiple judges on any given day." Cosley credited the judges for their ability to manage the courtroom in their own style, and their determination to do the right thing when it comes to such difficult cases.

Phone clinic in Schaumburg:

The Citizens Utility Board will host a phone bill clinic from

10 a.m. to noon at Rasmussen South at the Schaumburg Library, 130 S. Rasmussen, Schaumburg. The clinic is co-sponsored by the Schaumburg Democrat, and will analyze phone bills to demonstrate ways to save money and will alert participants to potential phone scams. The clinic should bring a copy of your phone bill.

Boot camp for burglar:

A 17-year-old Ellington, Ill., man pleaded guilty today to being part of a local car burglary ring. Alex Pejcinovic was sentenced to the state's boot camp program, after which he will serve two years probation. He was arrested along with three other men in connection with three burglaries that took place from Nov. 4 to Dec. 1. Pejcinovic admitted to taking a television set from an unlocked Dodge Avenger. He faces a maximum three years in prison.