

LOCAL NEWS



Downtown Trick-or-Treat event held on Halloween

(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle residents braved the first snowfall of the year on Halloween and Tuesday, Oct. 31 to attend the annual Downtown Trick or Treat event from 2-5 p.m. 30 businesses and organizations participated in the event and handed out candy to trick or treaters.

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Center at 810 S. 10th St., Oregon, Illinois 61061.

Jack Kromer, IDES Veteran's Career Coach (VCC), will be on hand to speak to veterans. The VCC and BEST, Inc. work together with our

partners and community resources to help eligible veterans obtain meaningful careers.

There will also be information from the Goodwill Veteran Career Resources Program and other resources for Veterans at this event.

BEST, Inc. is a non-profit agency that administers federally-funded programs under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) in Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside Counties. Please contact 815-631-2146 for more information.

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Rochelle Township High School students participate in Make a Difference Day 2023

This past Saturday, the Rochelle Township High School Student Council hosted the annual RTHS Make A Difference Day where about 60 students volunteered to perform various outdoor jobs for members of the community. Students worked at 15 different homes and then all met up at St. Paul Lutheran School to pick up leaves at the school. "Thanks to all that helped and played a role in making that day a success!" an RTHS Facebook post said.

HARVEST: OCFB's Kern details current farming climate

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"Don't get me wrong, there are going to be some places where that isn't the case, but other places may actually be a little better than average," Kern said. "You have to remember with us being dry this summer, there were some spotty rains here and there that some got and others didn't. I think most of the farmers I talk to are kind of pleasantly surprised. You do this for a living because

you grow a crop. And of course you want to grow the best crop you can. Of course you're always at the mercy of the weather. I think most of the farmers would tell you they're probably happy with it, considering the way the summer went."

During most years, farmers have the goal of wrapping up harvest by Thanksgiving before snow and frozen soil in December. Kern said that with drier weather and a

few sunny days and normal temperatures, harvest is on pace to be finished in Ogle County by Thanksgiving.

When crops have higher-than-ideal moisture levels, farmers dry them down with gas-powered dryers, which can be costly for them to run during harvest. Kern said not much dryer use was seen this year with beans, but he has seen them being used for corn to some extent.

"A lot of the guys I talk-

ed to weren't really able to get into the fields until that corn was down into the low 20s on moisture percentage or even high 10s," Kern said. "I don't think they're having to dry those bushels as much before they put them away."

As farmers have gotten crops pulled out of fields, Kern said he's already started to see tractors and chisel plows in fields getting fall tillage work done to prepare for the spring. He believes that if weather stays "relatively warm" for a few weeks

before the ground freezes, farmers will be able to get whatever fall tillage they desire done.

With harvest in its closing week, Kern has started to look at forecasts for the winter months and how it will impact Ogle County farmers in the spring.

"From what I've seen, they say we're supposed to be, because of El Nino, warmer than normal and precipitation is supposed to be around normal," Kern said. "This is what the experts are saying. Of course, an old friend told

me once, 'If a weatherman ever gets to heaven, we all got a chance.' That's what I'm hearing and that's what they're saying. I'm not a meteorologist, so I can't say that they'll be wrong. That normal precipitation would be beneficial. We've had a wet October, but we're still behind for the year. We're going to need at least normal precipitation here in the winter, whether that's in the form of snow or rain, to kind of get caught back up for next spring."

(PHOTO BY MIKE FELTES)



Rochelle Police Department responds to car vs. house accident on Friday morning

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Shirley Ann Bradshaw

LONGVIEW, Texas — Shirley Ann Bradshaw, 87, passed away peacefully at her home in Longview, Texas, surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Shirley was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Masontown, Pennsylvania to Antoinette Stella (Malinsky) Shuttsa and John Mitchell Shuttsa. She met her husband, John “Jack” Alec Bradshaw in Cleveland, OH in 1955 and they married in 1957, raising six children.

Shirley found meaning in life by caring for her children, with faith and family always her foundation. As her children grew and moved away from home, she looked forward to the holidays with large gatherings around the kitchen table that included great food, boisterous storytelling, board games (especially Boggle) and charades.

After raising her children, she took great satisfaction in working for many years as the tax assessor for the City of Rochelle. She was a wonderful woman of faith who loved teaching Sunday school in her retirement, praying with the church women’s group and volunteering for local ministries like nursing homes and Meals on Wheels.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jack in 2014. She is survived by her six children — Theresa Ann and her husband Chuck and their five grown children; John “Jack” Gerard and his wife Janet and their three grown children; Elizabeth Marie and her husband Bo and their four grown children; Arthur Kenneth and his wife Tracy and their three grown children; William Eric and his wife Ann and their five grown



children; and the youngest Jeffrey Thomas and his wife Jill and their three grown children. She is also survived by her sister Marie and brother John. She had 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, all of whom affectionately called her Grammy.

Family and friends will gather for her funeral service on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. at Reimage Church, 2472 FM 1844, Longview, TX. Call 903-309-1501 for more information or share your condolences at www.raderfh.com or the Reimage Church Facebook page.

W. John Highstreet

ROCHELLE — W. John Highstreet, 92, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Rochelle Community Hospital after a short illness. John was born on January 25, 1931 to Wilbur J. and Anna F. (O’Neil) Highstreet in Brawley, CA.

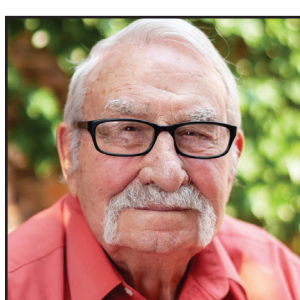
John’s family moved to Rochelle from California when he was 12. At the age of 14, his father passed away. He lived with a cousin and began working at the Black Cat Café.

He took airplane mechanic training, learned to fly and became part owner of several planes. He loved to fly and travel. He was a good husband, father and grandfather. John loved to read, watch TV and talk politics. He was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Bulls Gap, TN and the Chana United Methodist Church in Chana, IL.

John worked for Ro-

chelle Transit and later for Burrin Transfer for over 30 years. Upon retiring, he and his wife, Mattie, sold their home in Chana, IL and traveled in their fifth wheel camper for 14 years, eventually settling in Bulls Gap, TN until 2022 when they returned to Rochelle.

John is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mattie of Rochelle; five children: Pam Capes, Bill Highstreet, Robert (Maureen) Decker, Jim (Linda) Decker and Paula (Mark Stremming) Smith; ten grandchildren: Crystal (Eric) Vondergathen, Levi (Kaitlin) Decker, Mallory (Cody) McGee, Kyle (Emily) Decker, Carly (Ryan) McGee, Alicia McMann, Amanda (Nate) Lukas, Jacob (Ericka) Helfrich, Erin (Dustin) Decker and Molly Smith; and 18 great grandchildren: Aaron, Bailey, Riley, Braley, Delani, Maddox, Sampson, Brixton, Daxxon, Cullen,



Henry, Quinn, Murphy, Sienna, Elena, Dahlia, Jordy and Ella.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service, Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 11:00 A.M., at the Chana United Methodist Church, 606 N. Main Street, with Pastor Josh Brown officiating. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle, IL. Memorials may be made in John’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Oct. 27 at 7:13 p.m. deputies were dispatched to North Illinois Route 26 and West Coffman Road for a two-vehicle accident with injuries. After an investigation, it was determined that a white 2000 Chevrolet Camaro was northbound, had crossed the center line, striking a silver 2022 Acura MDX head on. The occupants of both vehicles were treated and released by Forreston Fire/EMS. The driver of the white Chevrolet Camaro, Christopher M. Forney, 28, of Forreston, was arrested for aggravated driving under the influence (while license revoked), DUI, and driving while

license revoked. Forney was additionally issued citations for improper display of registration, improper lane usage, operating a vehicle with expired registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving without lights when required. Forney was transported to the Ogle County Jail before being released with a notice to appear. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Forreston Police Department, Stephenson County Sheriff’s Office K9, and the Forreston Fire Department.

On Oct. 27 at approximately 10:47 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Illinois

Route 251 and Bethel Road. After investigation, deputies placed Ebabacha Esale, 31, of Rockford under arrest of driving while license suspended. Esale was additionally issued a citation for driving with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Esale was later released on a notice to appear at the scene.

On Oct. 27 at approximately 7 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2007 Chevrolet Malibu at the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Moore Road. After conducting an investigation, Camilo Ibarra Jr., 56, of Rochelle, was arrested and cited for no valid license. Ibarra was also issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign. Ibarra was given a notice to appear and released from the scene.

On Oct. 28 at approximately 5:48 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic on North Freeport Road, near the intersection of Canada Road.

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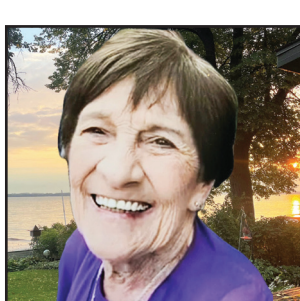
Gloria Jenkins

STOUGHTON, Wis. — Gloria Jenkins, 2232 Colladay Point Drive, Stoughton, WI, passed from this life to her next on September 29, 2023. Born August 20, 1937 to Arthur and Mary Kaszynski in Peru, Illinois, she was a golfer from the age of 5 and won her first club championship at South Bluff Country Club in Central Illinois at the age of 16. She attended Illinois State University and in 1958 married Norman Jenkins, Sr. They divorced in 1997. After college, marriage, and a family, Gloria returned to win the same championship in 1966 and 1967. Most of her adult life was spent in Rochelle, Illinois where she loved and raised her children and won club championships at Rochelle Country Club until retiring undefeated in 1995. After moving to the Madison, Wisconsin area in 1996 she became active in Wisconsin women’s state senior golf,

holding a state office and organizing the senior tournament in 2003.

As dining room hostess at Sunnyside resort for 2 years, she began friendships with those living on the “other” side of the lake, and as a golf shop employee at Stoughton Country Club she found many more friends on “this” side. Membership in the Madison Municipal Golf League and Businesswomen’s League widened her circle of fellowship. As a breast cancer survivor, Gloria became active in the Badger Bracelet Babes, a group showing and selling Circle of Hope bracelets to support cancer research, and in SCC’s Rally for the Cure Golf Outing organized in 2001. In 1997 she was one of the organizers of the Sunnyside Resort Charity Golf Outing and became the event coordinator for 10 years. In those years she was proud to see the donation to the City of Stoughton Food Pantry increase from \$400 to over \$10,000. In 2007, Gloria helped organize the SCC Chip-N-Sip women’s golf group which supported the Komen Foundation, and became a very active and important part of women’s golf at the club. In 2009 Stoughton Country Club created the Jenkins Cup, a traveling trophy engraved with the names of the women’s club champions.

An English major at ISU, she loved the language and enjoyed proofreading everything in life from menus to billboards to TV banner news. An accomplished seamstress, Gloria tailored the bridesmaids’ dresses for the wedding of her cousin Kathy and Bill Citek. Another project was making the dresses for the Rochelle High School Madrigal girls. Some of her grandchildren got the benefits of her talent in many Halloween costumes. Her favorite thing was watching her grandchildren grow and bloom and flourish. While living in Rochelle, Gloria



was involved in her children’s activities including serving as Campfire Girls Leader (twice) and Den Mother (twice), and was elected first woman school board president in the elementary school district. As first lady of Kishwaukee Community College she made many lasting friendships in Ogle and DeKalb counties.

Gloria Jenkins is survived by her four children, Kathy Phillips (Elliott, deceased) and their sons Sam of Los Angeles, CA and Noah of Troy, NY; Norm Jenkins, Jr (Dawn) and their daughters Jennifer of Stoughton, WI and Taylor (Jacob) of Rochelle, IL; Lisa Autry (Mark) and their children Jonathan, Matthew, Emilee and Aaron Autry, all of St. Louis, MO; and Michael Jenkins (Sheri) and their children Jeremy and Nicholas Jenkins, Madison Jenkins-Dietrich (Jordan), Jeff, Kevin and Craig Venice, and their 7 grandchildren, all of Quincy, IL.

Gloria loved to bring family and friends together throughout her life. Instead of a memorial service she left instructions for a “happy gathering” for her family, neighbors and friends. Her celebration of life will take place in Rochelle, Illinois on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Salt 251 restaurant on the Fairways Golf Course property. Drop in when you can, family will speak starting at 2:30 p.m. A memorial has been established, the “GloJay Quest to be Best” youth golf initiative which will advance aspiring youth golfers in the city of Rochelle.

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ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Nov. 1 at 4:59 a.m. David M. Knight, 57, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Nov. 3 at 2:57 a.m. Justin C. Garcia, 24, of Rochelle was arrested

for driving while license suspended and cited for speeding. He was given a notice to appear and a Dec. 8 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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WELL: City and RMU obtain grant funds for \$8 million project

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“It can be a lot, but it pays dividends. By getting them, it helps us accomplish all of the work we’re getting done. We’re in the same boat as a lot of other towns. We have aging infrastructure and we have to come up with ways to do those improvements.”

The city also recently received a \$1.1 million grant for downtown redevelopment as part of the state’s Rebuild Illinois’ Downtowns and Main Streets program that it will use to reconstruct seven existing city parking lots, construct two new city parking lots, install three level-three electric vehicle charging stations and construct a public restroom facility to support the downtown district businesses and community events.

Fiegenschuh praised his staff members for their work on applying for grants to conserve taxpayer money and get more projects done each year.

“With project costs going up, it helps fund those additional costs,” Fiegenschuh said. “It reduces our overall debt that we owe and the burden on our ratepayers. It says something about Adam and our staff who go out there and just work hard to find as much money as they can to fund these projects. If we don’t get it, somebody else is going to take it. Why not try to get as many of those dollars into Rochelle as possible? And these folks have done that.”

City Community Development Director Michelle Pease heads up the downtown parking lot project and has applied for and received other grants for the city in the past. She called the grant process “lengthy”, but said it’s one of the things she enjoys most about her job.

Other grant-funded city projects in recent years have included the demolition of Hickory Grove, improvements to the City of Rochelle Railroad, and \$265,000 given to local businesses to get them through COVID-19.

“The total of grants we’ve secured in recent years is in the millions,” Fiegenschuh said. “If you look at the grant dollars we’ve received in the last six years, it’s well over \$10 million in grants. And I’m not even counting the \$8 million that Adam got. That’s close to \$20 million in grants in the last 6-7 years that we’ve secured for downtown improvements, COVID-19, railroad, water, wastewater, Hickory Grove and hopefully soon, the electric side.”

Pease said the receipt of grants requires a lot of documentation with the issuing body which is done by multiple city departments. Reports on the project’s progress, even after it’s completed, are required in many cases.

“It’s a nice collaboration between multiple people and departments,” Pease said. “There’s a great deal of work behind the scenes, but millions and millions of dollars come into the city that’s free money is well worth every minute spent.”

Fiegenschuh said that receiving grants as a city helps to reprioritize funds for other projects and to do projects more quickly.

“I think our staff does a fantastic job with grants,” Fiegenschuh said. “We’re always out there trying to secure additional funding for projects. If it’s a project the city council wants, we’re going to look for alternative funding for it.”

SHERIFF: Ogle County Sheriff’s Report for Oct. 27-30, 2023

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After a brief investigation, deputies arrested John T. Ceazer, 32, of Madison, Wisconsin, for driving while license suspended. Barber was additionally issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration. Ceazer was issued a notice to appear and released on scene.

On Oct. 29, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies placed Jhonny Alexis Jaimes-Valero, 38, of Elgin, under arrest for no valid driver’s license. Jaimes-Valero was additionally issued citations for driving with a suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Jaimes-Valero was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was released on a notice to appear.

On Oct. 30, deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of 2nd Street and 8th Avenue in Rochelle. After investigation, deputies placed Joe Murray, 39, of Franklin Grove under arrest for driving while license suspended. Murray was additionally issued a citation for no valid registration. Murray was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 30, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6,000 block of N. River Road. After investigation, deputies placed Jose Ramirez Vazquez, 39, of Elgin, under arrest for no valid Illinois driver’s license. Ramirez Vazquez was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Ramirez Vazquez was released on a notice to appear at the scene and given a future court date.

Rochelle Area

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- The Bridge Church**, Pastor Greg Duncan, 11038 E. IL Route 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-7750. Sunday School: 9:00 am; Sunday Service: 10:00 am; Nursery & Children’s ministry during am service; Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 am and Wednesday 7:00 pm. Web: thebridgechurchrochelle.com Email: thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com
- Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God**, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children’s Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at staff@calvarylighthouse.com
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- First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgrace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgrace
- Grace Fellowship Church** — Pastor Jeff Ardissonne, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com
- Harvest Baptist Church** 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email duane712@hotmail.com, cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children’s Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church** Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.
- Living Water Community Church** 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Mike Vogeler - Outreach and Seven C’s Pastor, Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor and Doug Bunger - Missions and Children’s Pastor. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C’s Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.. 
- New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN)**, 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, www.NHFchurch.net Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)
- Rochelle United Methodist Church welcomes everyone to their worship service, and practices openness for all activities including communion. Worship is at 9:00 am. Sunday school for children begins around 9:15, following the Children’s Time in worship.** A fellowship time with food and space for conversation occurs in Hicks Hall every week following the worship service. We celebrate communion with an open table on the first Sunday of every month, and on other appropriate occasions. Youth group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Our youth program includes service projects, discussion topics, Bible Study, and lots of fun and fellowship together. Some of our activities include packing meals at Feed My Starving Children, helping at Rochelle Christian Food Pantry and 7C’s, working with animals at Barn on Baseline, Mystery trips (Destination Unknown!), and Interactive experiences on Dating boundaries, refugees, and homelessness. Youth group is for grades 6-12 and friends are always welcome. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. **Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley.** Our address is 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. Email is admin@rochelleumc.com. At Rochelle United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome and loved!
- St. Patrick Catholic Church** Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: stpatrickrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle
- St. Paul Lutheran Church** “Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!” Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.



LOCAL VIEWS

GUEST COLUMN

Fiegenschuh: The fiscal year 2024 budget

IT is my pleasure to present a brief synopsis of the Fiscal Year 2024 City of Rochelle/Rochelle Municipal Utilities budget that our staff recently presented to the city council. The full spending plan will be up for approval at the second meeting in November. A copy of the full budget is available for the public to view online or at city hall. This plan is in line with the city's six key strategic plan goals and funds many priorities established by our policy makers.

The proposed budget for all funds in FY24 is pro-

posed to be \$125,523,274. Of this total, approximately \$70 million is allocated for capital investments and power purchases. The proposed General Fund Revenues for FY24 are estimated to be \$14,051,480. Expenditures for the new fiscal year total approximately \$14,043,345. Staff estimates a projected surplus for the new year of approximately \$8,000. Based on this information, our team estimates the general fund cash balance will increase slightly to \$10,131,634.

The utilities (electric, water, water reclamation, advanced communica-

tions & technology center, railroad, landfill, golf course and airport) proposed budgeted expenses are \$84,485,868 of which \$31,323,350 is for capital outlays & \$26,779,746 for power purchases. All other funds, including Special, Downstate Police and Fire Pensions, Internal Service and CIP total \$26,994,061.

As part of our 2021 strategic plan update, the mayor and city council required staff to continue to develop a long-range capital im-

provement plan that laid out capital expenditures for the next 20 years. Staff implanted this requirement and now forecasts these expenditures through 2044.

Some of the capital projects slated for funding in 2024 include the construction of an iron removal plant at the Caron Road water well, continued expansion of the City of Rochelle Rail Road transload project, design and construction of 10 miles of new 34.5kv line that will tie all of RMU's

substations together to increase reliability, further updates to our downtown area (funded through a Rebuild Downtown IL grant and TIF alternate revenue bonds), 20th Street and Flagg Road intersection widening and reconstruction and completion of the new public safety/utility training facility. A full list of the 2024 expenditures along with the approved 40-year plan can be found on the City of Rochelle website. I appreciate the continued support of our mayor and city council for setting the policy priorities for the community and supporting our continued

capital funding efforts. Finally, success breeds success and our community would not be here today without the dedication of my wonderful staff. They work each day to serve our residents and continue moving Rochelle forward.

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary" -Vince Lombardi

"The way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first" -Iyanla Vanzant

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, ICMA-CM, MPA, is the city manager of the City of Rochelle.



Jeff Fiegenschuh

Ron Kern: Agricultural trade is critical

TRADE. Webster's defines it as: The action of selling goods and services.

In a global economy trade is not only a necessity it is what creates economic prosperity. No industry knows this more than agriculture. While many of the commodities we produce are used domestically for feed, biofuels, industrial applications and others, without trade we could not make farming profitable.

America's farmers and ranchers lead the world in producing safe, sustainable food, fiber and fuel for consumers at home and abroad. Agricultural trade is critical to our national economy and to the economic sustainability of family farms and ranches, but non-scientific trade barriers and tariffs restrict farmers' ability to compete in global markets. We rely on robust trade agreements to establish a level playing field for farmers and ranchers and to protect the jobs and businesses that agriculture supports in the U.S.

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework has been formally launched by the U.S., along with

Australia, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. The Administration's objectives for the new IPEF includes working with the other countries to expand trade, improve supply chains, promote sustainability, support agriculture, and remove non-tariff trade barriers. The IPEF focuses on science-based food safety standards, will reduce trade barriers, and help expand trade opportunities for U.S. agricultural goods.

The U.S. and Taiwan will begin trade talks following an agreed upon agenda, called the "Initiative on 21st-Century Trade." Taiwan imported \$3.8 billion of U.S. agricultural products in 2021, including beef, dairy products, soybeans, fruit, tree nuts, vegetables, and other products. An agreement that adopts science-based food safety standards will help expand trade opportunities for U.S. agricultural goods.

The agreed upon trade agenda will include science-based regulatory practices, agriculture collaboration on common standards, digital trade,

labor, environment, trade facilitation, state-owned enterprises, and non-market practices. The initiative will not include market access measures such as reducing or eliminating tariffs.

The United States and the United Kingdom began trade agreement negotiations in May 2020. The U.S. exported \$2 billion in agricultural products to the UK in 2019, while the UK exported \$1.9 billion in agricultural products to the U.S.

As the UK has left the EU it is able to conclude a trade agreement with the U.S. However, these negotiations have not continued since 2020.

Include all agricultural products and policies in the negotiations. Eliminate non-tariff trade barriers. Ensure market access for biotechnology products. Address issues concerning import-sensitive products. Oppose the Precautionary Principle, and Oppose the use of geographic indicators.

On Jan. 15, 2020, the U.S. signed a "Phase 1" trade agreement with

China that went into force on Feb. 14, 2020. As a part of the agreement, China has agreed to purchase at least \$80 billion of U.S. agricultural products cumulatively in 2020 and 2021. The U.S. exported \$27 billion of agricultural products to China in 2020 and \$34 billion in 2021. Soybeans, corn, pork sorghum and wheat were major purchases by China.

Reforms in food standards affecting imports of beef, poultry, dairy and horticultural products have been implemented by China. America's farmers and ranchers are eager to get back to business globally and restoring our ability to be competitive in China is key to that.

Reduction or elimination of non-tariff barriers is included for meat, poultry, rice, dairy and other products. The biotechnology approval process is also improved.

Tariffs, imposed on Sept. 1, 2019, have been reduced from 15 percent to 7.5 percent on \$112 billion of imports from China. Tariffs remain at 25 percent on \$250 billion of imports.



Ron Kern

With the implementation of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, U.S. farmers and ranchers are eager to realize the more than \$2 billion in additional farm exports and \$65 billion in gross domestic product the pact is expected to provide. The three countries signed the USMCA, the successor to NAFTA, on Nov. 30, 2018, and a revised version of the agreement was signed Dec. 10, 2019. With all three countries having ratified the agreement, USMCA entered into force on July 1, 2020.

Ongoing work with Mexico to resolve disputes regarding biotechnology approvals and the use of glyphosate.

Continued case with Canada's dairy import regulations.

Designed to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, the USMCA builds on important trade relationships in North America.

The agreement is expected to increase U.S. ag exports by \$2 billion and result in a \$65 billion increase in gross domestic product.

The agreement will provide new market access for American dairy and poultry products

while preserving the zero-tariff platform on all other ag products.

In particular, the agreement gives U.S. dairy products access to an additional 3.6 percent of Canada's dairy market – even better than what was proposed in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

U.S. wheat will be treated more fairly, thanks to Canada's agreement to grade our wheat no less favorably than its own.

Mexico and the United States have also agreed that all grading standards for ag products will be non-discriminatory.

Additional provisions enhance science-based trading standards among the three nations as the basis for sanitary and phytosanitary measures for ag products, as well as progress in the area of geographic indications.

The agreement also includes measures that address cooperation, information sharing and other trade rules among the three nations related to agricultural biotechnology and gene editing.

"There is no friendship in trade." -Cornelius Vanderbilt

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COMMUNITY

Guidance with Cooking after the Death of a Loved One

OREGON — Serenity Hospice is offering a two-week class titled "Cooking-for-One." People often struggle with food preparation after the death of a loved one. In this class, participants will discuss navigating the

grocery store, how to cook for one, mindful eating, and ways to put some joy back into their meals. The classes will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9, and Thursday, Nov. 16. Participants will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at

St. Mary Parish Center, 881 Mongan Drive, Oregon. Every week will include lunch and recipe sampling. Class size is limited. To register, call 815-732-2499 and ask for Cathy or Denise. As al-

ways, all proceeds benefit the impactful mission of Serenity Hospice and Home, an organization that provides high-quality, compassionate end-of-life care as well as free, ongoing bereavement services that are open to the public.

Regional Transportation Committee Meeting is Nov. 17

MENDOTA — The next Human Services Transportation Plan Regional Transportation Committee Meeting for Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Putnam Counties) will be held on Friday Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Mendota Moose - 211 E. 12th St., Mendota, IL 61342. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, as well as anyone

interested in public transit. If you would like further information, please contact via email: hstp@ncicg.org or call us at (815) 433-5830. We will have reserved time slots available for public comment via Zoom for

anyone not able to attend the meeting in person between 10:15-10:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in public comment via zoom during that time frame, please contact us at (815) 433-5830.

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

7034 S. Klondike Road | Rochelle, IL 61068 | 815-561-9074

If you would like to volunteer with us, please email us at volunteer@kitchentablerochelle.org

- November 2** – (Thursday) – Chicken Cobbler, Roasted Veggies
November 5 – (Sunday Brunch) – NO SUNDAY BRUNCH
November 7 – (Tuesday) – Lil Smokies with Cabbage, Potatoes, Onion, Broccoli Soup
November 9 – (Thursday) – BLT Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad
November 14 – (Tuesday) – THANKSGIVING DINNER – Roasted Turkey Breast, Sliced Ham, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sausage Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls

- November 16** – (Thursday) – THANKSGIVING DINNER – Roasted Turkey Breast, Sliced Ham, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Sausage Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls
November 21 – (Tuesday) – CLOSED
November 23 – (Thursday) – CLOSED
November 28 – (Tuesday) – Tacos or Taco Salad with Lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, sour cream and salsa
November 30 – (Thursday) – Lasagna, Bosco Sticks, Salad
December 3 – NO SUNDAY BRUNCH

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries

****All menus are subject to change. If you would like to check before coming out, please call us at 815-561-9074 www.KitchenTableRochelle.org**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| Nov. 3
Matthew Avila | Nov. 13
Jacob & Marissa Seldal (anniversary) | Nov. 22
Tim Dougherty | Dec. 1
Josh Perkins
Kennedy Smith
Brooks Bridgeman |
| Nov. 4
Angela Taylor | Nov. 14
Jaelynn Sullivan
Emma Slack | Nov. 23
Seth House
Kevin & Katie Sherburne (anniversary)
Carolyn Bieck | Dec. 2
Dylan Rosenbach |
| Nov. 9
Jon Bieck | Nov. 17
Tim South | Nov. 24
Brenda Jones | Dec. 3
Annabelle Sexton
Ty Vongsiri |
| Nov. 10
Olivia Powell | Nov. 18
Ethan Huff
Jenna Jackson | Nov. 27
Makayla Ludwig | Dec. 4
Teresa Dodillet |
| Nov. 11
Steven Huffstatler
Laiklyn South
Makayla Dodrill | Nov. 20
Tony Fry | Nov. 29
Sam South | Dec. 6
Kelly Smith |
| Nov. 12
Bo Sexton | | | |

Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries



Coffee Break

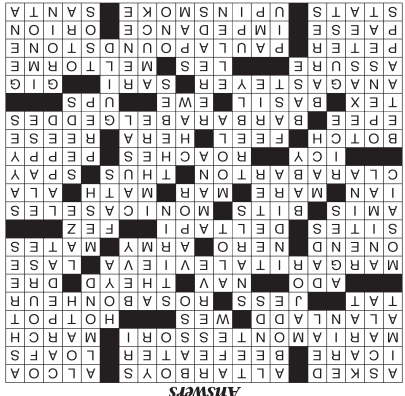
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A NUMBER OF WINKS

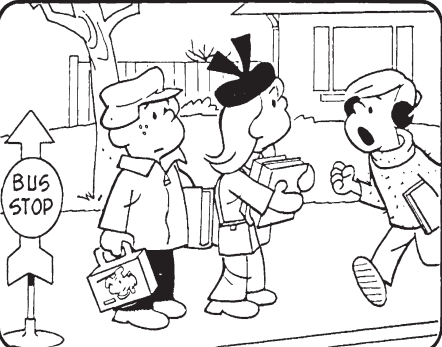
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| Catnap | Dreams | Sandman | Slumber |
| Conked | Hibernation | Sawing wood | Snooze |
| Crashed | Repose | Shut-eye | ZZZZZ |
| Doze off | Sack time | Siesta | |

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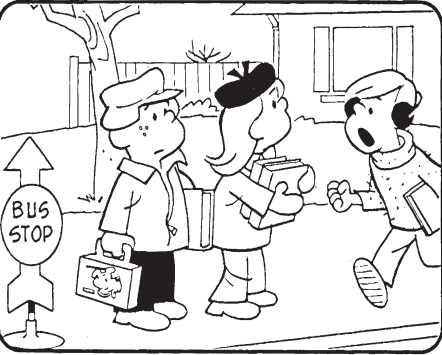


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

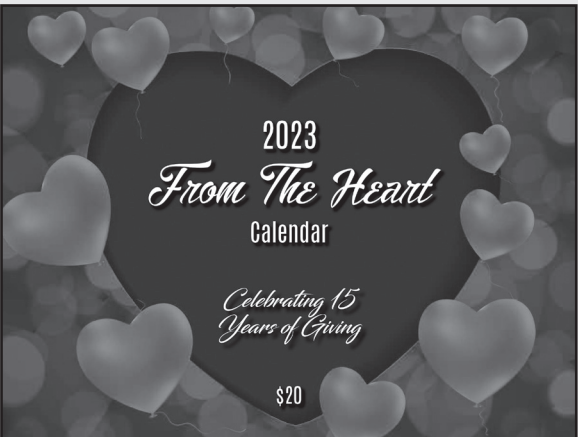


Differences: 1. Sign is shorter. 2. Lunchbox is moved. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Hat bow is smaller. 5. Purse is missing. 6. Arm is lower.

Super Crossword

GOLDEN STATE GIRLS

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| ACROSS
1 Requested
6 Mass helpers
15 Foil maker
20 Empathetic declaration
21 Steak lover, e.g.
22 Lungs idly
23 Italian developer of an educational method
25 Third month
26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star
27 Film director Craven
28 Family-style Chinese dish
29 Body design, in brief
30 The new girl on "New Girl"
32 French painter of "The Horse Fair"
36 Commotion
38 The "N" of USNA: Abbr.
40 "— never believe me!"
41 Rap's "Dr."
42 She played Abby Parker on HBO's "The Deuce"
48 Cut with a light beam
49 Continuously
50 Cruel emperor
51 Troop's group
52 Partners
53 Scenes
54 Title sorority in a 1985 film
56 Turkish cap
57 French friends
58 Smithereens
59 Onetime rival of Steffi Graf
65 Swimmer Thorpe
66 Farm female
67 Disfigure
68 Calculus, e.g.
69 Made in the manner of
70 American Red Cross founder
73 Therefore
74 Fix, as a pet
75 Frigid
76 House pests
78 Spirited
79 Flub up
82 Sense by touch
84 Zeus' wife
85 Singer Della
86 Fencing sword
87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas"
90 Gore — (rainwear fabric)
91 Herb in pesto
92 Farm female
93 FedEx competitor
94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member
97 Agra apparel
100 Band's job
103 Guarantee
104 The, to Henri
106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist
109 Actor Falk
110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special "Cats, Cops and Stuff"
114 Bel — (Italian cheese)
115 Resistance to alternating current
116 Hunter constellation
117 RBIs, e.g.
118 Engulfed by fire
119 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities
DOWN
1 Get a lock on
2 Milan's La —
3 Gold purity unit
4 St. Pat's land
5 Bargain buy
6 Home
7 Advances, as money
8 Vietnamese New Year
9 Several
10 Lay away
11 Deep-voiced singer
12 Siouan tribesperson
13 "— out!"
14 — Lankan
15 Kind of nut
16 Averse
17 Criticized petulantly
18 "No question"
19 Some hardwoods
24 Part of MLB
28 Boxer Oscar de la —
31 Curs' sounds
33 Add while mixing
34 Throat-clearing noise
35 Flock of quail
36 Dancer de Mille
37 Puppies
39 Boatloads
42 Piece of tile art
43 Zoo dweller
44 Eyeball part
45 India's Gandhi
46 Be wobbly
47 Fog or steam
48 Lounge around
52 Fishnet stuff
55 Oven brand
56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake
58 Bundle of joy
60 Cry upon arriving
61 Leading to something
62 Drank like a dog or cat
63 Go by
64 Gives assent
66 Speed-of-sound ratio
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RTHS Girls Basketball

Lady Hubs return to the hardwood

Henkel, Martinez headline senior players back under new head coach Gehm

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Jonathan Gehm held his first official practice as the new head coach of the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team on Monday afternoon. The Lady Hubs return several players from the 2022-23 roster and are seeking to improve on an eight-win season last winter.

Rochelle will begin the 2023-24 campaign with the Oregon Tipoff Tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The Lady Hubs will then travel to face Sterling and Princeton on Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 before returning to host DeKalb on Monday, Nov. 27 for their first home game of the season. Interstate 8 Conference action will start with a road game at Sycamore on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

"It's exciting and I know the girls are ready to go," Gehm said. "I've been ready to go for a long time and with fall sports ending, basketball is now the focus and the girls are really excited. We've had a lot of energy in the gym and we're ready for the season. We're focusing on bringing energy and effort every single day. We want our girls to be working hard for themselves and their teammates. Our girls have had three coaches over the last three or four years."

Seniors Alivia Henkel and Kara Martinez headline Rochelle's returning varsity players for the 2023-24 season. Henkel earned Interstate 8 All-Conference honors last season as well as the team's Most Valuable Player award during the 2022-23 campaign. The Lady Hubs also return senior Sydney Tabor, who was Rochelle's Defender of the Year Award winner last winter.

"We've been pushing Kara to be a bigger leader for us and she really took charge over the summer," Gehm said. "Kennedy [Adamski] brings leadership everywhere she goes and Alivia has been around our team for a long time. We're also looking for our juniors like Abby [Metzger] and Kendyl [Darby] to step up. Between our seniors and our juniors, we have a lot of leaders."

Rochelle has several frontcourt players back from the 2022-23 roster including senior Kennedy Adamski as well as junior Abby Metzger. Junior Kendyl Darby also returns after finishing the 2022-23 campaign as one of the leading scorers for the Lady Hubs. The 2023-24 season will be the first at RTHS for Gehm, who replaces former head coach Ryan McQuade, who stepped



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Alivia Henkel returns to the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity basketball team after earning All-Conference First Team honors in the Interstate 8 last season.

down after two seasons at the helm. McQuade had previously taken over for Tony Rowan.

"We want to win games, but we also want to be playing our best basketball toward the end of the season," Gehm said. "Our season will be about steady growth and never taking steps back."

RTHS Cross Country

Rochelle runners show growth throughout 2023 season

McGee, Koziol highlight talented sophomore class eligible to return next fall

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR


ROCHELLE — Head coach Mark Zilis noted that nearly every member of the Rochelle Township High School cross country team saw improvement in his or her time during the 2023 season. With only two seniors set to depart from the entire roster, both the Hub and Lady Hub programs are well positioned for continued growth and success in the near future.

The Hubs took second in the Rochelle Invitational while finishing third in the Byron Invitational and sixth in the Genoa-Kingston Matt Walter Invitational. Senior Luis Hernandez headlined the Rochelle roster on the boys side, earning All-Conference honors in the Interstate 8 for the second straight season while also reaching the IHSA Sectional Series as an individual once again. Hernandez and senior Caleb Wyssbrod are the only two runners set to depart this fall.

"What I look for from both the boys and the girls is improvement throughout the season," Zilis said. "Every single one of our athletes improved from the first meet to the last, which means our training system is working and our athletes are working really hard during the season. We didn't finish near the top of many meets, but we had a number of individuals who were medalists."

With Hernandez and Wyssbrod departing, Rochelle will look for several underclassmen to step up for the team next season. Those underclassmen include sophomores Declan McGee, Elijah Mayen and Levi Waddle as well as freshman Hadley Losoya. The Lady Hubs, who will not lose any seniors from the 2023 roster, posted notable team finishes including a third-place finish in the Rochelle Invitational at Skare Park and a fourth-place finish at the Byron Invitational.

"Our team was fairly young and a few of our older kids were first-time cross country runners," Zilis said.



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomores Declan McGee (left) and Rose Luxton (right) are two of the many talented underclassmen eligible to return for the Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub cross country teams next season.

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A: My coach Trish and all of my teammates.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Greece or Italy.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: I'm involved in things and I'm a part of the fun events that happen.

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Year: Freshman

Sport: Cheer



Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: Five years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being with my teammates and celebrating with my team.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: English because we get to have more interaction with classmates.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My coach Trisha because she's always pushing us to be our best

and to always be kind.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be an ultrasound tech because I can help people and be a part of their best moments.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

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SPORTS

RTHS Volleyball

Lady Hubs score 17 victories during 2023 season

I-8 All-Conference setter Ohlinger headlines varsity players eligible to return

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team has returned to its winning ways, recording its second consecutive winning season under head coach Molly Sly. With only two senior starters departing from the 2023 roster and several players eligible to return next fall, Sly and the Lady Hubs will enter the offseason with their eyes on continued success in the future.

Rochelle finished with a 17-16 overall record and a 3-7 record in the Interstate 8 Conference this season. The Lady Hubs performed well in tournament action, finishing second at the Rockford Jefferson Invitational while taking fourth in the Lady Hub Invitational and placing third at the Sterling Invitational. Rochelle's season ended in the IHSA 3A LaSalle-Peru Regional.

"I had high hopes to run a 6-2 formation this season, but we didn't wind up using that lineup," Sly said. "We had Ali [Ohlinger] record her 1,000th career assist, which was awesome to see, and we also saw Taelynn [Rodeghero] start the season with a 20-plus kill match against Dixon. They were our go-to players this season and I thought Emma [Kennay] really shined throughout the season with her work ethic. Dempsey [Atkinson] was all over the place in our back row."

Rochelle took both of its Interstate 8 matches against Ottawa and split a home-and-home series against Morris. The Lady



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team finished with a 17-16 overall record during the 2023 season. The Lady Hubs will have several sophomore and junior players eligible to return next season.

Hubs, who will lose four seniors from the 2023 roster including starting middle blocker Kennedy Adamski (94 kills and 18 blocks) and right side Alivia Henkel (95 kills, 142 digs, 24 aces and 10 blocks), secured nonconference wins over several programs including Belvidere, Woodstock, Oregon, Sandwich, Fulton, Rockford Lutheran and

Sterling Newman. "We're definitely going to miss our seniors," Sly said. "Kennedy's been our middle for the last three years and she's been someone we can really depend on. She knew where her hitters were and she always had nice touches on the block. Alivia worked really hard to earn her six rotations this season and I wasn't sure

where she would fit in, but she earned her role and she was a game-changer for our team, especially late in the season. She dug up a lot of balls."

The Lady Hubs will have multiple starters including junior hitters Taelynn Rodeghero (265 kills, 88 digs, 21 aces and 10 blocks) and Lauren Dyer (94 kills and 10 aces) along with junior

libero Dempsey Atkinson (256 digs and 36 aces). Junior setter Ali Ohlinger (474 assists, 81 kills, 135 digs, 53 aces and 31 blocks) and junior defender Emma Kennay (95 digs and 15 aces) along with sophomore reserves Jaydin Dickey and Meredith Bruns are also eligible to return.

"There are some big shoes to fill with the two

starters who are leaving," Sly said. "We're excited to see who fills those shoes. Jaydin and Meredith handled the varsity experience well and we looked to Ali, Taelynn and Dempsey to lead our team this year. We're looking to them again next year and I'm hoping they come back with the excitement they'll need to lead our team."

XC: Head coach Zilis reflects on 2023 cross country season

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"It's a physically and mentally challenging sport and our kids learned how to handle that mentally and how to fight through that

physically. We have a lot of girls who will be back next season and I think they'll continue to improve. I think both our girls and boys teams will have a chance to qualify for the sectional.

We're hoping to bring in a few more runners."

The Lady Hubs were led by a talented sophomore class that included IHSA Sectional qualifier Annaliese Koziol as well as Rose

Luxton, Mary Chadwick and Bella Biggs. Juniors Brisa Zepeda and Bridgett Ramirez along with freshman Vivian Worthington are three more runners who improved throughout the

season and could factor into the varsity mix next season.

"Declan fights hard and he'll be a leader for our team next year," Zilis said. "I'd like to see both

of our teams make it to the sectional meet and I'd love to see Annaliese make a push for the state meet. I could see Declan making a push for the state meet next season as well."

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RTHS Cross Country

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Rochelle runners earn RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards

The Rochelle Township High School cross country team held its season-ending awards banquet on Wednesday evening, with several student-athletes taking home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards. Twelve student-athletes including Cash Budde, Declan McGee, Levi Waddle, Luis Hernandez (Honorable Mention), Elijah Mayen (Honorable Mention), Brisa Zepeda, Bridgett Ramirez, Mary Chadwick, Rose Luxton, Bella Biggs and Annaliese Koziol (above from left to right) earned Academic All-Conference honors. Vivian Worthington received the Varsity Girls Most Improved Award, while Annaliese Koziol won the Varsity Girls High Point Award and Luis Hernandez won the Varsity Boys High Point Award. Not pictured is Caleb Wyssbrod, who won the Varsity Boys Most Improved Award as well as Academic All-Conference honors.

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Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns. You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.



No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor. You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live

here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?



Time is money. It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!



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Keeping it local encourages community growth. By

choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.



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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
A Mini Storage, LLC, a storage facility located at 117 Quarry Road, Rochelle, IL hereby announces that the possessions of the following lessees will be disposed of by means of auction on November 16th 2023 at 8:00 AM. Disposal of personal property shall conform to the terms of the certified notice previously mailed to the lessee. The contents of the units can be previewed immediately prior to the sale. The preview and sale will take place at each individual unit listed below; in the order they appear.
Unit#152 David Kmiec: Table, chair, Safe box, lamp, dresser, bag, palm tree, sofa
Unit#150 David Kmiec: Pots, home goods, plastic binds, boxes, toets. No. 1049
(Oct. 30 and Nov. 5, 2023)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF HILLCREST, ILLINOIS

1. Time and Place of Opening Bids. Sealed proposals for the construction of the Priority 1A Water Main Improvements for the Village of Hillcrest, Ogle County, Illinois, will be received at Village Hall at 204 Hillcrest Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 until 10:00 A.M. December 14, 2023, and at that time, will be publicly opened and (lump sum bid or unit price total) read aloud.
2. Description of Work. The proposed construction consists of replacing existing water main with approximately 2,335 feet of 12-inch water main, 2,272 feet of 8-inch water main, 20 feet of 6-inch water main, 32 feet of 4-inch water main, 20 gate valves, 16 valve boxes, 6 valve vaults, 13 fire hydrants, 2 pressure connections, 6 non-pressure connections, abandonment of existing water main, surface restoration, and other miscellaneous items of work.
3. Information for Bidders. Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Neither the State of Illinois nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. The procurement will be subject to regulations contained in the procedures for issuing loans from the Public Water Supply Loan Program (35 IAC Part 662), the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 276a through 276a-5) as defined by the United States Department of Labor, the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570), the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act Apprenticeship Initiative, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise policy per 40 CFR Part 33, as amended, and the "Use of American Iron and Steel" requirements as contained in Section 436 of H.R. 3547, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. This procurement is also subject to loan recipient's policy regarding the increased use of disadvantaged business enterprises. The loan recipient's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts at least sixteen (16) days prior to bid opening. The pol-

icy is contained in the specifications. Bidders are also required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in 41 CFR 60-4. All pertinent documents may be examined at the Village Hall at 204 Hillcrest Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 or on the internet at www.bhfxplanroom.com. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from BHFX Digital Imaging, www.bhfxplanroom.com, upon a non-refundable payment of \$75.00 per set. Documents can be purchased only through BHFX Digital Imaging. Contractor(s) shall pay prevailing wages at rates not less than those under Davis-Bacon Wage Act Provisions as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under this contract. If at the time the Agreement for this Project is executed, or if during the term of the Agreement, there is excessive unemployment in Illinois as defined in the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act, 30 ILCS 570/0.01 et seq., as two consecutive months of unemployment exceeding 5%, the Bidder agrees to employ Illinois laborers in accordance with the "Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act." An "Illinois laborer" is defined as any person who has resided in Illinois for at least thirty (30) days and intends to become or remain an Illinois resident. The Village of Hillcrest is exempt from the Illinois State, municipal, or county Retailers Occupation Tax, Service Occupation Tax, Use Tax, and Service Use Tax as described in Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 35. Bid prices shall not include the cost of such taxes. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bidder's bond, certified check, bank cashier's check, or bank draft payable to the Village of Hillcrest for (ten) percent (10%) of the total amount of the Bid as provided in the Bidder Instructions. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference of all prospective Bidders and/or their representatives will be held at Village Hall at 204 Hillcrest Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 on November 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference.
4. Rejection of Bids. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive technicalities. Unless the Bids are rejected for good cause, award of contract shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder. Dated at Hillcrest, Illinois this 5th day of November 2023. Rick Rhoads, Village President
Dawn Bearrows, Village Clerk
No. 1104
(Nov. 5, 2023)

**LEGAL NOTICE
FOR
CRESTON-DEMENT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
NEW BUILDING**
By authority of the Board of Library Trustees, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on November 28, 2023, by the Board of Library Trustees of the Creston-Dement Public Library for the new building. Any bids re-

ceived after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted. The project consists of site work, landscaping, building structure, exterior cladding & finishes, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, low voltage systems, interior construction and interior finishes. Responses shall be submitted in duplicate on or before the specified closing time in an opaque sealed envelope marked as noted within the Bidding Documents on the outside and addressed to: Kristi Scherer, Library Director, Creston-Dement Public Library. Responses are to be mailed or hand delivered to the Creston-Dement Public Library, P.O. Box 193, 107 S. Main Street, Creston, IL 60113. A pre-bid virtual conference for general contractors will be held on November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. through a virtual link noted in Section 001113 of the bid documents. (not mandatory) Bid security in the form of a bid bond or certified check made payable to the Creston-Dement Public Library equal to 10% of the base bid amount shall be submitted with the bid. Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds, and Certificate of Insurance will be required from the successful bidder. The Creston-Dement Public Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all documents submitted or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in the prequalification procedures and to approve trade contractors and vendors to bid in a manner serving the interest of the Creston-Dement Public Library. All bidders must comply with the applicable Illinois Law requiring the payment of prevailing wages, and bidders must comply with the Illinois Statutory requirements regarding labor and bidding, including Equal Opportunity Laws. Bidding documents which include Project Manual and Project Plans will be on file and may be obtained by bidders on November 3, 2023, after 12:00 p.m., for electronic distribution through BHFX Planroom website: <http://www.bhfxplanroom.com>. All communication should be directed to Shaun Kelly, Engberg Anderson, 8618 W. Catalpa Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656. (PH: 312-846-7646; EM: shaunk@engberganderson.com). Hard copies are also available and all costs associated with printing will be borne by the bidding contractor or vendor. No. 1106
(Nov. 5, 2023)

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113 FINANCIAL

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203 HELP WANTED

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