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LOCAL NEWS... LOCAL VIEWS

SUNDAY, OCT. 15, 2023

Council approves bond issuance \$50,000 contribution to OCEDC approved Monday

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle City Council held a public hearing for and unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$2.5 million to finance future improvements to its downtown area.

The bond issuance could be made official by a final parameters ordinance at the city council's first meeting in November. Residents will have 30 days to petition to have the bond issuance placed on the ballot for a vote. The debt service payments on the bond issuance funds will be paid out of the city's downtown and southern gateway tax-increment financing (TIF) district revenues.

"I believe our current revenue in the downtown TIF is \$292,000," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "Based on the EAV estimates from the county, we anticipate revenues in this TIF next year to be \$568,936. There has been some significant increased value in that area. This has



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Mayor John Bearrows read a proclamation making Oct. 8-14 Fire Prevention Week in the city and presented it to Rochelle Fire Department Chief Dave Sawlsville and Administrative Assistant and Firefighter/Paramedic Angela Gillis.

been our fastest-growing TIF district."

The funds will be spent on infrastructure improvements, which could include the purchase and demolition of property, property redevelopment, installation of infrastructure including streets, curb and gutter, water mains, sewer lines and storm sewers, installation of new street lighting and the installations and burying of electric infrastructure. The

city desired the bond issuance to do projects sooner and hedge against rising project costs in the future.

"With project costs going up 4-6 and maybe even 10 percent on some of them, this will hedge against that," Mayor John Bearrows said. "A big part of this is infrastructure and those projects will have to be done. A lot of the sewer and water lines are extremely old in this community. When they

start going bad and you have water main breaks, that's very costly, too. I think it's a great idea to move forward with this."

The city's financial advisors anticipate interest rates on the funds in the 4.4 percent range and the debt service term will be no longer than 20 years. The anticipated debt service payments will be approximately \$198,000 annually.

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Final plans made for water main project

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Village of Hillcrest Board of Trustees heard an engineering update from Village Engineer Kaitlin Wright of Baxter & Woodman on its Priority 1A Water Main project.

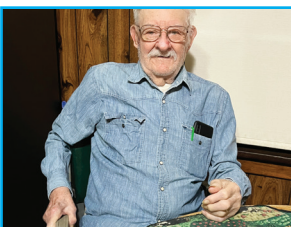
The project's final plans and cost estimate were recently sent to the village and the intent is for the project to go out for bid Nov. 1.

The project plans to replace mains along portions of Scott Avenue, Errett Road and Erickson Road in the southern and oldest part of the village.

The cost estimate is currently roughly \$2.3 million. An IEPA loan is being reserved for the village and Hillcrest is eligible for 50-percent principal forgiveness. The work could be completed by fall of 2024.

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KNOW IT TODAY



King celebrates 95th birthday

Louis King of Steward recently celebrated his 95th birthday.
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Tilton renovations planned over three-year period Safety update given following incident last month at Lincoln School

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education heard an update on its plans to pursue \$14-16 million worth of needed renovations at Tilton Elementary School.

The district recently found in a health life safety evaluation that an estimated \$7.8 million worth of work is required at the school for those issues. Health life safety concerns the physical safety of the building for students and staff to occupy. The district plans to issue bonds for that money in the coming months and wants to utilize an additional \$6-8 million from its reserves for other improvements involving security and spatial concerns including its pick up and drop off areas.

District Business Manager Kevin Dale said Tuesday that the work will be done in a three-year plan, which would begin in the coming summer.

"We're going to start



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addressing some stuff that we can do this summer that's not going to require long timelines," Dale said. "It could be simple things like painting. We're also going to look at getting the parking issue and bus lane stuff figured

out. We're starting the planning stage and we're now at three years. We're going to meet with staff soon to tell them what we're planning for the building. When we look at the bidding process and going out to try to

do any of these improvements such as additional classrooms or redoing the front entryway, that would happen in the summer of 2025."

Geothermal work would likely be done in the upcoming summer

as well so its in place for the next projects so as not to disrupt students and staff. The multi-year plan was made in part to not displace students during renovations.

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LOCAL NEWS

HILLCREST: Water tower work nearing completion

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The project has been on the village's radar for a number of years. A greater water main replacement project was considered in the past, but was trimmed down to the areas of greatest need.

Wright said the village has the opportunity to reduce the project's water main size from 12-inch to eight-inch mains to save \$80,000, but that would prevent it from being able to connect to Rochelle Municipal Utilities' water in the future, which trustees have been against in the past.

Tower

Village Water Trustee Dan Potter said work on Hillcrest's water tower is "pretty much done."

Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group began work to repair the water tower after a leak was noticed in recent months. Two pressurized tanks to maintain water pressure for village residents during the work were placed at Village Hall and the Masterbend building.

The cost for the leak repair is \$26,605 and Pittsburg planned to perform some of the other work to the tower it recommended in the past. The estimate on the total amount of the rest of the work needed for the water tower is \$384,370, but not all of it will be done by Pittsburg. The village approved money for water tower repairs at its April board meeting.

"What was amazing to me was how seamless it was as far as the residents were concerned and no interruption of water service," Potter said. "They



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just took out the tower and put it back in service and it was just as it was."

Trustees also talked Wednesday about the possibility of having the water tower painted in the future.

Lead

Wright said that the village has applied for a grant that could yield up to \$30,000 to help it pay for a state-required lead service line inventory. The status of the grant

will be known within 30 days. There is an April 15, 2024 submission deadline for Hillcrest to provide an inventory to the state on how many lead water service lines it has running into homes, if any. If the grant is received, Baxter & Woodman would perform the inventory work for the village.

Contract

The village and Leaf River Communication agreed to the terms of a

new contract involving the internet company's antenna that it places on top of Hillcrest's water tower. The compensation for the antenna placement was previously \$50 per month and will now be \$300.

Ordinances

Village trustees talked Wednesday about ordinance violations in Hillcrest including inoperable cars and tall grass.

Village President Rick

Rhoads said the village recently ordered new violation stickers and received an application for its new part-time ordinance officer position that it would like to start utilizing.

Water

During the new business portion of the meeting, Potter said the village is looking at changing its water ordinances for the first time in 10 years. Proposed changes could include water fees for

any resident that has been disconnected due to nonpayment being \$25 to disconnect and \$75 to reconnect plus a \$100 deposit to reinstate service, check payments not being accepted for service reinstatement, raising insufficient check fees from \$15 to \$35, payment arrangements being limited to one per 12-month period, and disconnection notices being sent after a 30-day delinquency rather than the current 60 days.



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LOCAL NEWS

Ogle County 2023 4-H fair foods department winners crowned

OREGON — Ogle County 2023 4-H fair foods department winners were recently crowned during the Ogle County Fair Aug. 2-6. Winners were as follows:

Cooking

Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cereal Bars Exhibit: Emily Harbaugh, Chana. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cereal Bars Exhibit: Kenzie Hongsermeier, Leaf River. Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Coffee Cake Exhibit: Jenna Heller, Dixon. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Coffee Cake Exhibit: Lucia Wells, Oregon. Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit: Sophia Ebert, Oregon. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 101, Cookies Exhibit: Lydia Smith, Byron. Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Biscuits Exhibit: Alyse Rogers, Chana. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Muffins Exhibit: Shelby Harbaugh, Chana. Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Scones Exhibit: David Wehler, Mount Morris. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Scones Exhibit: Preston Taylor, Kings. Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit: Lily Hongsermeier, Leaf River. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 201, Nut Bread Exhibit: Adrienne Booker, Byron. Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Dinner Rolls Exhibit: Lydia Sherburne, Byron. Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Yeast Bread Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy, Davis Junction. Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit: Elizabeth Kennedy,



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Ogle County 4-H member Kenzie Hongsermeier.

Davis Junction. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Tea Ring Exhibit: Mackenzie Taylor, Kings. Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit: Logan Armbruster, Polo. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Sweet Rolls Exhibit: Jenna Heller, Dixon. Champion 4-H Cooking 301, Cake Exhibit: Lucas Armbruster, Polo. Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Focaccia Bread Exhibit: Lucas Armbruster, Polo. Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit: Keira Armbruster, Polo. Reserve Champion 4-H Cooking 401, Sponge Cake Exhibit: Lydia Sherburne. Champion 4-H Cooking 401, French Bread Exhibit: Logan Armbruster, Polo.

Food Science

Grand Champion Food

Science Exhibit: Lydia Sherburne.

Sports

Nutrition

Grand Champion Sports Nutrition Exhibit: Kathryn Snow, Oregon. Reserve Grand Champion Sports Nutrition Exhibit: Kaitlyn Adams, Stillman Valley.

Food

Preservation

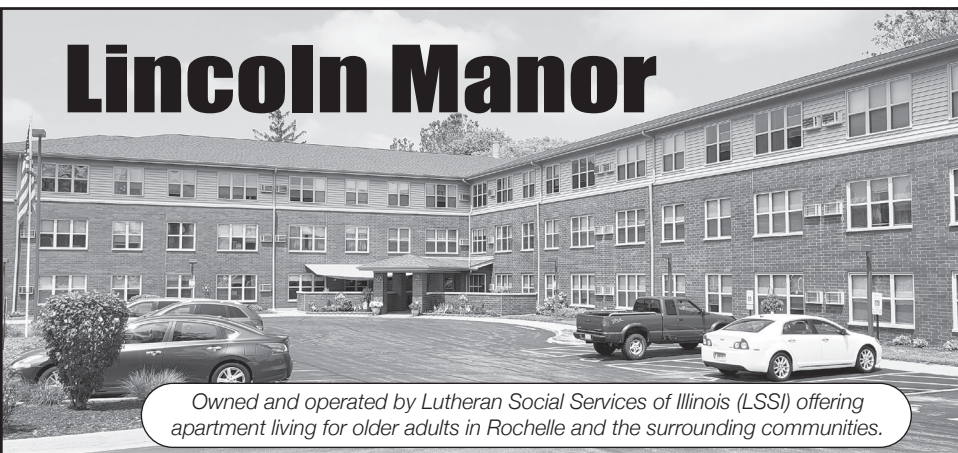
Top of Class Food Preservation Canning Exhibit: Hannah Harvey, Forreton. Top of Class Food Preservation Jams, Jellies & Preserves Exhibit: Joshua Snow, Oregon. Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit: Hannah Harvey, Forreton. Reserve Grand Champion Food Preservation Exhibit: Joshua Snow, Oregon.



New Kiwanis Club leadership roles set

The Kiwanis calendar starts new in October and with it comes new member positions. Will McLachlan takes over as president. Chet Olson becomes president-elect. Jody Taylor is the secretary, and two new board members are Jim Kenney and Brian Johnson. Bill Paulin will stay on as treasurer. Lanet Erickson, Dianne Jenner, Tom McDermott and Don Romes will stay on as board members. "We'd like to thank Ric Taylor for a great two years of leading our club as president," McLachlan said. "Also, we'd like to thank Ken Esger as past secretary and Jim Buckler and Larry Wing as previous board members. We are still focusing on raffle ticket sales. Our cash drawing is Dec. 7. There will be 20 cash winners! Ask your local Kiwanis member about a ticket! Pictured: Past President Ric Taylor and New President Will McLachlan.

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Nathan Robert Vaupel

ROCHELLE — Nathan Robert Vaupel (Tater Bob to close family) was born August 29th, 2002. He left us on October 3, 2023, at St. Anthony's Hospital surrounded by his family. He was a graduate of the 2021 Rochelle Highschool graduating class.

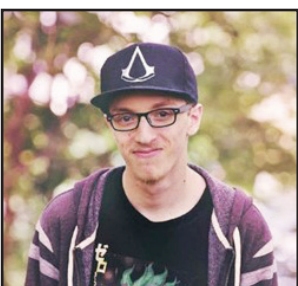
Nathan loved to fish and bowl. He was a member of the Rochelle T-Byrds for many years. He was also an avid Cowboy fan; which made for interesting discussions with some of his uncles and cousins. Nathan also valued his bike, which he relied on as his transportation. He was especially proud of his new bike. Nathan had a contagious smile and could raise even the dimmest of spirits when he shared it. He was a very brave and caring young man.

The broken hearted left

behind include his parents, Megan Vaupel, Derek DuFoe and Zach Elshoff. To also be surrounded in love and comfort are his sisters: Arista Vaupel, Alana Vaupel Zickur, and Savannah Elshoff; brothers: Landon Vaupel and Jay Emerson, and his "brother by another mother", Matthew. Grandfather Bill Hurst, survive Nathan, as well as many aunts, uncles, & cousins. Nathan left many friends behind, including Jess Boettner and his many roommates. Nathan was grateful for the unwavering support and belief in him.

Preceding him in death are his maternal Grandmother Sam (Sandy) Vaupel, maternal grandfather, Bob Vaupel and fraternal grandmother, Kay Elshoff.

Donations made be made to the Go Fund Me page



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nathan-vaupel> or directly to family for funeral expenses. Nathan has blessed at least 4 people and counting with the Gift of Life; and will always be remembered as a hero.

A celebration of life will be held in Nathan's honor on November 4th at 3:00-5:00 pm at the Fireman's Hall located at: 311 6th Ave, Rochelle, IL followed by a brief candle-light remembrance at the location of his memorial cross at Hwy 38 and Caron Rd. Rochelle, IL.

Wendy S. Abbott

ROCHELLE — Wendy S. Abbott, 66, of Rochelle, passed away Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Generations at Neighbors Nursing Home in Byron. She was born February 20, 1957, in Sycamore, IL, the daughter of John and Uva (Angell) Vosburgh.

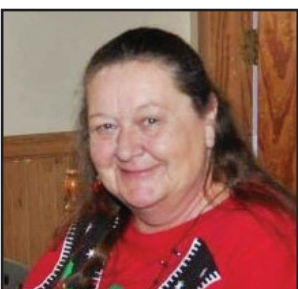
Wendy loved the outdoors, going on drives looking for deer, and her dogs. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and dog mother.

Wendy is survived by three sons: Dan (Amy) Nelson of Malta, Keith (Brittney) Nelson of Rochelle, and Kevin (Sherry) Nelson

of Davis Junction; eleven grandchildren: Samantha, Sue, Lina, Alex, Alyssa, Bailee-Jo, Ella, Dakota, Jaxson, Hattie, and Taylor; one great-grandchild, Shelby; three siblings, Judy Whittrock, Melody (Larry) Levi, and Don (Cindy) Vosburgh; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Wendy is preceded in death by her infant daughter, Bobbi Jo Vosburgh.

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle with Chaplain Rick Eldred officiating. Visitation will



be from 10 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Kingston Cemetery in Kingston, IL. Contributions in Wendy's memory may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

Please visit www.ung-erhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Oct. 10, deputies responded to the 800 block of West Flagg Road in Lost Nation for a reported violation of bond conditions. After investigation, deputies arrested Albert Brooks, 40, of Dixon for two counts of violation of bond conditions. Brooks was transported to the Ogle County Jail and must appear before a judge. Brooks was additionally charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer.

On Oct. 10, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Trevor M. Barber, 23, of Chicago, for driving while license suspended and improper container of cannabis as a driver. Barber was additionally issued citations for suspended registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Barber was issued a notice



to appear and released on scene.

On Oct. 12, deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of West Pines Road in Oregon. After an investigation, Christopher D. Miller, 31, of Oregon, was placed under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the

influence of alcohol, operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license and a valid in-state warrant. Miller was also cited for improper traffic lane usage. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 11 at 10:24 a.m. Alaynna A. Grimm, 21, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 51 miles per hour in a 35 miles per hour zone. Grimm was given a Nov. 3 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 12 at 2:13 a.m. Christopher M. Bowling, 36, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 3 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 12 at 8:12 a.m. Joshua A. Nance, 41, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Northern Rehab hosting coat drive through Nov. 3

ROCHELLE — Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists is collecting donations for the Sycamore United Methodist Church (SUMC) Coat Ministry. Needed items include new and gently-used coats, boots, mittens, scarves and

other winter accessories. All Northern Rehab locations are serving as collection sites with clinics at their DeKalb, Genoa and Rochelle locations. Please drop off donated items between Oct. 23-Nov. 3. Thank you in

advance for your support and contribution! For additional information about Northern Rehab, please call 815.756.8524 or visit www.northernrehabpt.com. Additionally, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Fehr Graham announces scholarship, marks 50 years in business

FREEPORT — On Sept. 15 on its 50th anniversary in business, Fehr Graham, a leading Midwest engineering and environmental firm, announced a scholarship

program to help students pursuing post-secondary degrees in STEM-related fields. Firm leaders shared the scholarship news with employees at a 50th anni-

versary event in Freeport, the city where Fehr Graham started on Sept. 15, 1973.

Since its inception in Freeport, Fehr Graham has demonstrated a dedication

to excellence, establishing itself as a trusted partner to its clients on a range of engineering and environmental solutions. Over the past five decades, the company has evolved, grown and adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of clients and communities. The company's mission to improve the quality of life where its clients live and work is one of the reasons for starting a scholarship program.

"It is with great pride that we celebrate this special milestone by giving back to the professions that have been so good to us by helping the next generation get started," Fehr Graham Chief Executive Officer Mick Gronewold said. "Our journey to 50 years has been defined by the dedicated people that make up Fehr Graham and their ability to provide innovative solutions, foster strong client relationships and make a positive impact in the

communities we serve. We are so excited to be able to lean into helping continue this legacy into the future."

The Fehr Graham Scholarship, valued at \$2,500 and renewable for up to three years, will go to five high school seniors who are pursuing two- and four-year degrees in engineering and environmental fields. Recipients must live near any of the firm's 12 offices in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.

"This announcement not only marks Fehr Graham's 50th anniversary celebration, but a commitment to the future," Dan Ross, president of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, said. "The Fehr Graham Scholarship program demonstrates a dedication to education and community development, inspiring the next generation of STEM leaders. We are proud to partner on an effort that so closely aligns with our own mission."

In addition to announcing its scholarship program today, Fehr Graham staff from all 12 of its offices gathered in Freeport to celebrate the firm's anniversary. Freeport Mayor Jodi Miller declared Sept. 15 as Fehr Graham Day in the city.

Fehr Graham's success story is a testament to the hard work and expertise of its dedicated team, whose talents consistently drive the company's growth and development. Their unwavering commitment to delivering solutions, paired with a passion for community betterment, has made Fehr Graham a respected, award-winning name in the industry.

This anniversary not only reflects the company's history but is also a springboard for its future. As the firm looks to the next 50 years, it remains committed to communities of all sizes, sustainability and excellence in serving its clients across many sectors.

Sheriff announces IDOT grant enforcement results

OREGON — The Ogle County Sheriff's Office

released the results of supplementary enforcement efforts conducted via the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The STEP campaign ran from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023.

Over the course of the year sheriff's deputies worked 60 hours of additional patrol time that was funded by the grant. As a result of this enforcement deputies conducted 73 traffic stops that resulted in 59 citations being issued and made two criminal arrests. This activity included: 42 citations for

speeding, 13 citations for other traffic offenses, four arrests for no valid/suspended/revoked licenses, and two warrant arrests. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office participated in this effort to save lives by focusing on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP campaign was funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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COUNCIL: Oct. 8-14 proclaimed as fire prevention week

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OCEDC

The council unanimously approved a \$50,000 contribution to the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation.

The communities of Oregon, Mt. Morris, Polo and Byron, along with Ogle County, began the process of starting a county-wide economic development group in 2022 and recently made the organization official. The City of Rochelle and the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO) have attended several of

the meetings as well. The other county towns have made financial commitments to the OCEDC, which plans to hire an executive director.

Rochelle is currently the only community in the county with full-time economic development staff.

Plan

The council unanimously approved an ordinance adopting an updated comprehensive plan and map for the city. The comprehensive plan is the framework, or blueprint, for future development and revitalization based on a thorough assessment

of existing conditions, trends, goals and objectives for the future.

The plan was reviewed by a committee along with the city's Planning & Zoning Commission. It had not been updated since 2016.

Several updates were made in the new plan, such as the northern gateway TIF district, the establishment of the National Historic District in the downtown area, enterprise zones, and major investments to infrastructure. New development was also updated in the plan to include Wheatland Tube, the Rochelle Transload Center, Pilot

Travel Center, Love's Travel Stop, Starbucks, Majeski Motors, Hub City Self Storage, Kwik Star, Tesla Charging Stations, Benny's Corner Market, Breakthru Beverage and several other projects.

"I was utterly amazed by the amount of projects that the city has done that we were hopeful to do in 2016," Bearrows said. "It says a lot about the leadership of this community and current and former council members."

Property

The council unanimously approved a purchase and sale agreement

for the purchase of 517 W. 4th Ave. for \$30,000 to improve and foster development. The property is planned to be demolished, which could potentially cost \$25,000-35,000. The purchase and demolition will be paid out of the city's downtown and southern gateway TIF district funds.

Proclamation

Bearrows read a proclamation making Oct. 8-14 Fire Prevention Week in the city and presented it to Rochelle Fire Department Chief Dave Sawlsville and Administrative Assistant and Firefighter/Paramedic

Angela Gillis.

McNeilly

The council unanimously approved the resignation of Diane McNeilly from the city's Planning & Zoning Commission.

"Diane has been an extremely-integral part of the Planning & Zoning Commission for close to 20 years if not more," Bearrows said. "She took her job as a board member very seriously and consistently visited the sites in question. It's with great regret that we have her resignation before us and she surely will be missed."

Rochelle Area

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Ashton Bible Church, corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website www.ashtonbible.org. Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

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 Children's 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

Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMC - "To Know Christ and to Proclaim Christ in Word and Deed" - 19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530 (the intersection of Perry Road and W. County Line Road). Rev. Martha Uecker Nelson, Pastor. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study are at 9:15 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and is broadcast live on Facebook. Go to our website is at www.Calvarychurchlee.org and click on the link there. A Grief Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call or text (815) 824-2825 or email CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Also check us out at www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church.

Rochelle Church of Christ, Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at rochellechurch.com. We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. facebook.com/crestonumcil facebook.com/stewardilumc

Elim Reformed Church, 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website www.goelimchurch.org Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

Faith Lutheran Church - (14206 E. Flagg Rd.) - "Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith." In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at "Faith Lutheran Social" on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - 'Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.' You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at Pastor@faithlrochelle.org for more information. All are welcome to join us!

First Baptist Church of Rochelle, First Baptist Church of Rochelle invites you to experience our practical Bible services which have nurseries provided in every service along with a wide range of children's and teen ministries. Sunday School is at 9:30 am with regular church services at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. Wednesday Family Night starts at 6:30 pm with AWANA for the 5 yr. olds thru 6th grade. The Omega Teen Ministry also starts at 6:30 pm for 7th - 12th grades and the Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church is located 6 blocks west of Hwy 251 at the corner of Woolf Ct. and 8th Ave. in Rochelle. Call 562-4168 for more information. Listen at 8:30 am Sunday mornings on WRHL 1060 AM for the Sunday morning "Bible Message." www.firstbaptistrochelle.org


First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: fgbcrochelle@gmail.com. Website: www.fgbcrochelle.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle. Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We'd be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children's church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. "For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

First Presbyterian Church - An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am and 10:30am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www.placeforgace.com/ www.facebook.com/placeforgace

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 Bunker - 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: stpatricksrochelle.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

McDermott: The first settlers of Rochelle

IT is difficult to decide where to start when talking about the settling of Rochelle. It is not as simple as, people left Europe, sailed to New York, traveled by wagon trains to Chicago, St. Louis, and finally the gold fields of California. That may have worked for Major Seth Adams and Wooster (Wagon Train) on television, but not so much in reality. In the early 1800s most travel was done on boats. Oxen, horses and wagons were only utilized when there were no longer water routes available.

The true start of the journey to Rochelle may well be considered to have started around 1541. Hernando DeSoto proceeded as far as he could by ship up the St. Lawrence River, he then dropped smaller row boats to continue his journey. Upriver they traveled to Lake Ontario, to Niagara Falls, portaged to Lake Erie and Lake Huron, rowed to Green Bay, portaged to Wisconsin River. From here

DeSoto and his explorers made way to the Mississippi River and later the Illinois River. It was on the Illinois River at the rapids by today's LaSalle that the explorers, while portaging around the rapids, found coal on the ground. In an area primarily surrounded by grassland, coal was a valuable trade item. The trees were needed for building structures. Burning grass and buffalo chips was fine for short term, but coal was obviously a much better fuel.

Ottawa was one of the first major trading posts. With access to the coal fields and the Illinois River, Ottawa became an important port for boats carrying settlers and crafts looking to trade for coal. So it was that many of the early travelers to the Rochelle area took the first step of their final 45-mile journey in Ottawa.

In 1832, Chicago was called Fort Dearborn and had a population of fewer than 4,000. The Blackhawk Wars were coming to an end. The only people in the area of today's

Ogle County were Native Americans and they did not settle the region, they simply traveled through in pursuit of game or on their way to visit other tribes for trade.

It was in 1836 that Jephtha Noe built a cabin in Jefferson Grove. Towns of any size were few and far between this far west. Almost every settlement was named after the nearest grove of trees. Buffalo Grove, Jefferson Grove, Hickory Grove and many more. The groves were important as they provided the materials for building homes.

For Jephtha, Jefferson Grove, an area near today's Shangri La Trailer Park, had plenty of wood for cabin building and a handy source of water in the Kyte River.

William Cochrane and his family were the next to choose Jefferson Grove to settle, also in 1836. William, his wife, son Homer, daughters Lucy

and Julia built a cabin large enough that church services were held in the main room. Jephtha Noe served as preacher.

There was no Rochelle at this time. The area was called Hickory Grove or Loblolly Grove. The name Hickory Grove was based on a large grove of Hickory trees. Loblolly is believed to have been based on a Potawatomi or Ottawa term (loblolla) which meant "muddy place where animals wallow." Before you judge, remember Chicago was believed to have been derived from the Algonquin term "Shikaakwa" which meant striped skunk or onion.

Loblolly Grove saw its first settlers in 1837. The John Randall family purchased a large claim of land. With nine children, John wanted to make sure there was land for his sons in the future. The government was selling land for \$1.25 to \$1.50 an acre. John's family

included his wife, six sons and three daughters. Their cabin was located north of Kyte Creek and east of today's Main Street. The Randall family stayed until 1838 at which point John sold his claim to new arrivals Sheldon Bartholomew and Willard Flagg. The Randall clan moved to a new homestead at Jefferson Grove.

Bartholomew and Flagg had bought out the Randall claim for \$1,500 and lived in the existing cabin together for one year. In 1839, Bartholomew and Flagg divided the claim with Bartholomew taking all the land north of Kyte Creek and Flagg taking the land to the south.

Bartholomew lived in the cabin on the north side of the creek and Flagg built a new cabin on the property south of the creek in the area of today's 303 S. Main St. Willard Flagg married Lucy, the daughter of William Cochrane. The population of the whole of today's Flagg

Township was about 15 souls.

Dr. R.P. Lane with partners T.D. Robertson and G. Palmer of Rockford were investors who could see a good thing on the horizon. They bought much of the available land near Hickory Grove including the Sheldon Bartholomew claim in 1853. What had these men seen that convinced them that Hickory Grove was a worthy investment? It was the railroad. In 1848 Chicago developed their first railroad and immediately began pushing to the west. The Rockford investors plotted Hickory Grove and planned for a city. It was in 1854 that the railroad arrived and with it an abundance of interested settlers. The six-day trip from Chicago now took only one day. By 1861 the Village of Lane was incorporated and the prairie sod was no longer home to only buffalo, deer and wolf.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

Apparently even agriculture can adapt

SEEMS like there's plenty of chatter these days about artificial intelligence. When I was growing up we used to refer to artificial intelligence as he couldn't find his rear in the dark if all 10 fingers were flashlights.

Think about it...artificial basically means not real. So I am to believe then that this is not real intelligence? Believe me, I have been accused of that countless times in my life.

Then again as I look at how the world has evolved, particularly in the past two decades, there's a movement to replace mankind's thinking with machine thinking. Personally I think that much of this replacement is due to our own laziness and inability to accept responsibility.

Starting your car from your phone. Why? You can't figure out how to use a key? Opening a garage

door from your phone. You don't know how to push a button? Talking to your television to change channels. You don't know how to operate a remote? Well, wait a second, that one may be useful. I retract.

I'm not saying that the industrial revolution and technological advancements are all bad. Indeed, they have fueled the greatest economic engine ever known to mankind. What I am disturbed by is that when we allow those advancements to replace critical human thinking.

I would rather make a mistake, cuss myself for being so stupid, and learn not to make that mistake again. It's called life-long learning. I have no trouble turning a key, pushing a button, writing my own notes and making my own choices. I guess that's why I'm a Neanderthal living in a modern world.

But, as with all inven-

tion there is a use. So I share with you an article written by Caitlyn Lamm, Iowa Farm Bureau public relations specialist. Apparently even agriculture can adapt.

When it comes to technology, I would not consider myself an early adopter.

I prefer chatting with a cashier to using a self-checkout. I write lists with a pen and paper instead of an app on my phone. And I'm often asking my smart-device-loving-husband, "What the heck do we need that for?"

However, I can even recognize the good technology can do. Particularly when it comes to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in farming and its role in animal care and sustainability.

Here are a few examples of AI in agriculture I find especially fascinating:

One: Some dairy farms use AI to milk their cows. The robot can autonomously hook itself up to a cow's udders and simultaneously track how much milk she produces along with important health metrics. These data points help farmers make needed adjustments to a cow's diet to ensure she is receiving all the nutritional requirements needed to live comfortably.

Two: While not yet widely adopted, a newer innovation in pig farming is AI to monitor individual pigs in a pen. Cameras can differentiate between pigs and monitor their activity, feeding habits and weight. This allows farmers to provide

individual care and also take a pig to market at the correct weight. A farmer I talked to recently was fascinated by this technology but was cautious about if it would pencil out, a valid point with farm inputs being incredibly high right now. Universities have also been exploring AI's role in early diagnosis of respiratory illnesses in dairy calves with nearly 90% accuracy.

Three: There is new sprayer technology on the market that allows a machine to roll through a field and identify what is a weed and what is a crop. With this type of precision, individual weeds are targeted with herbicide. It's worth mentioning as you see sprayers rolling across fields, the amount of actual chemical sprayed per acre is equivalent to your large, trendy drink tumbler—the rest is water. However, with newer technology,

resources can be further reduced. Drones have also been instrumental in identifying problem areas in a field and applying targeted crop protection.

In my opinion, AI won't necessarily change the "face" of agriculture. That face will always belong to the family farmer who continuously adopts innovation to make the farm better for his or her animals and the environment.

These machines don't have the heart or a calling to continue a family legacy. However, they can assist in providing the decision-making data to make that dream a reality.

Even this laggard can understand why the heck someone would want that.

"Stupidity is far more fascinating than intelligence, as intelligence has its limits." - Anonymous

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COMMUNITY



From the Heart calendars donated to employees of both Rochelle school districts

City of Rochelle and Rochelle Rotary Club representatives recently presented a donation of From the Heart cash calendars for every employee and administration member at both Rochelle school districts on Tuesday. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Mayor John Bearrows, both Rotarians, were able to secure enough private donations to pay for the calendar donation. The high school district has 150 employees and the elementary school district has 225 employees. The private donors of the funds wished to remain anonymous.

Route 38 closing at BNSF Railway crossing in Rochelle on Oct. 15

ROCHELLE – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced Oct. 11 that Route 38 in Rochelle will be closed at the BNSF Railway crossing beginning Sunday, Oct. 15. The crossing is located between 1st Avenue and Lincoln Avenue at Rochelle's west limits.

The closure will allow the BNSF Railway to remove and replace their dual track at-grade crossing. A posted detour will direct traffic to use 1st Avenue, Jack Dame Drive and Illinois 251. The road is anticipated to be closed for approximately one week. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT updates, follow us on Twitter at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 15
Rivers Estock

Oct. 17
Kati Johnson
Preston King

Oct. 20
Veda Lopez
Bo Bridgeman

Oct. 22
Allie Dolister

Oct. 24
Brittany Brown

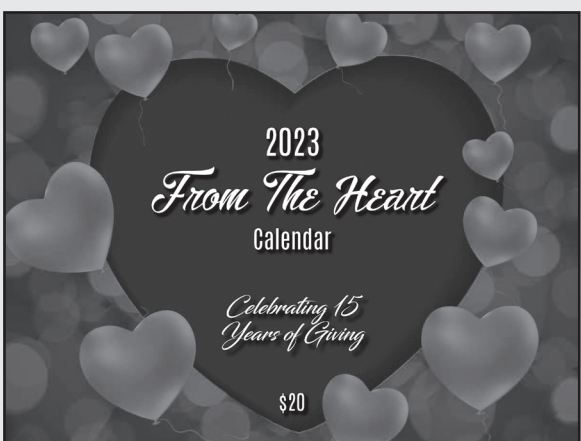
Oct. 25
Bianca Herrera

Oct. 28
Stephanie Wiginton
Bryce Weems

Oct. 30
Jack Powell

Oct. 31
Angel Weyhrauch
McKinley Moser

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



- Sept. 19 - Elizabeth Bontz, Amboy, \$25
- Sept. 20 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Sept. 21 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 22 - Teresa Schlesinger, Compton, \$25
- Sept. 23 - Mark - Meyers Furniture, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 24- Thelma Geske, Steward, \$50
- Sept. 25 - Brenda Bickerman, McNabb, \$25
- Sept. 26 - Dave Pest, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 27 - Steve Howell, Dixon, \$25
- Sept. 28 - Jodi Jacobs, Panama City, Florida, \$25
- Sept. 29 - Juan Martinez, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 30 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Oct. 1 - Caring Friends, Dixon, \$50
- Oct. 2 - Shawn Meyers, Keokuk, Iowa, \$25
- Oct. 3 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 4 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Oct. 5 - Rochelle Police Dog, \$25
- Oct. 6 - Linda Alderks, Chana, \$25
- Oct. 7 - Rochelle Fire Fighter Social, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Calvin M. Jacobs, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 9 - Mic Brooks, Rochelle, \$250
- Oct. 10 - Jessica Mueller, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 11 - Jason Burdin, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 12 - MeLisa Young, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 13 - Jasmine Sarabia, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 14 - From the Heart, \$25
- Oct. 15 - Michele Perez, Rochelle, \$50



Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE • DOUBLE LETTER ANIMALS

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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: INSECT THAT FLUTTERS BY

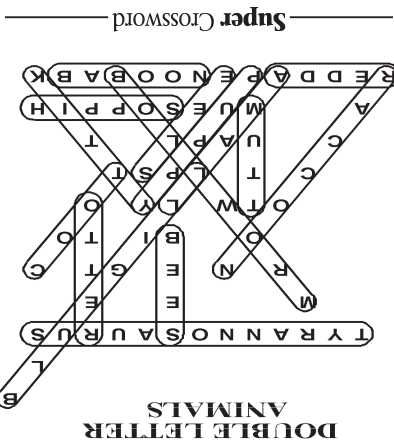
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Bollworm
Coot
Eels
Hippos

Kitty
Llama
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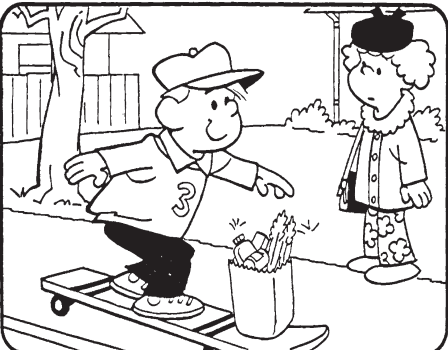
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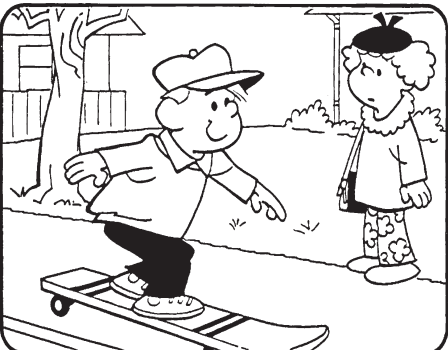


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is missing. 2. Number is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Bag of groceries is missing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Button strip is missing.

Super Crossword

SIX BELOW

ACROSS

- 1 Airplane walkway
- 6 Gentle pat
- 9 River delta deposit
- 13 Pixie or elf
- 19 Unhesitating and fast
- 21 Low-quality
- 22 Binds with string
- 23 Grew older with contentment and dignity
- 25 Very ardent
- 26 Fluffy scarf
- 27 Wiggly fishes
- 28 Perennially popular hymn
- 30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g.
- 32 Plow beasts
- 33 "—Pan" (James Clavell novel)
- 34 Shouts of discovery
- 35 Is wearing
- 37 Kept posted
- 39 Hair salon job
- 41 Growth theory subj.
- 42 Accumulate
- 44 Hdqrs. where officers work
- 46 Red-carpet-walking type
- 50 Liquid filling la mer
- 51 Fend off

- 52 Title detective of 1970s TV
- 55 Give the boot
- 56 Prepared to do some grilling
- 58 Tier
- 59 "I'm not that impressed"
- 60 Egg-shaped
- 61 Musical ornaments
- 64 Place to play pool or table tennis
- 66 Do the task flawlessly
- 69 Alternative to a 401(k)
- 71 Hogs' home
- 72 Eye-irritating cleanser
- 74 1963 Johnny Cash smash
- 76 Gush forth
- 77 Be in arrears
- 79 U.S. med. research agcy.
- 80 Final toast of a meal
- 84 In the style of
- 85 Law-of-motion subject
- 87 Glistened
- 88 Historic span
- 89 Slowly, to a maestro
- 91 Island setting
- 92 "I love you," in Spanish

- 93 Course of action
- 94 Hip about
- 96 Enter quickly
- 99 Film spoils insect
- 100 Pupil's place
- 103 Very big bird
- 105 Domino spots
- 106 Unsullied places
- 108 Complete disaster, in slang
- 111 Spinner in a compass
- 112 Spinner in a kid's room
- 115 Surround with a nimbus
- 116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle
- 119 Add to the mix, maybe
- 120 British noble
- 121 Prayed before partaking
- 122 Pole carvings
- 123 Eye irritation
- 124 Ovine female
- 125 Sun-related

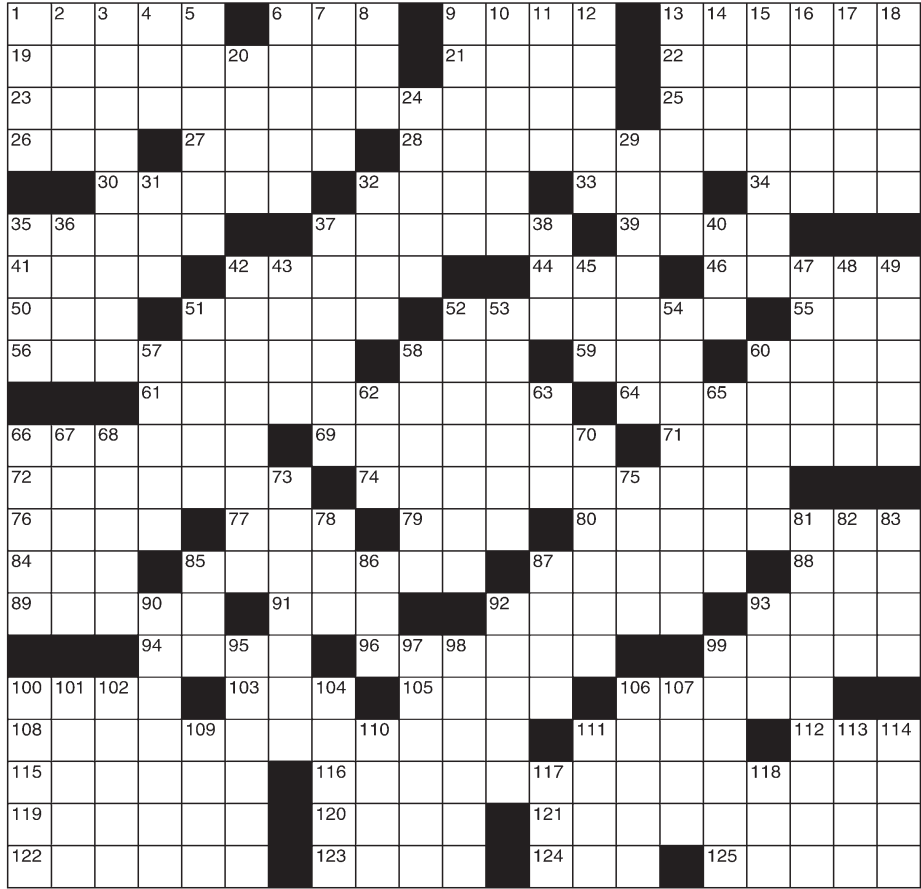
DOWN

- 1 Part of UAE
- 2 "Othello" foe
- 3 Makes one's views known
- 4 Jar cover

- 5 Enter by sidling
- 6 Watch faces
- 7 Missile paths
- 8 97-Down insect
- 9 Foamed up
- 10 Honolulu palace name
- 11 Amusement, to texts
- 12 "Give this a whirl!"
- 13 Low-end cigar
- 14 Radar sound
- 15 Put a new border around
- 16 Basketball great — Thomas
- 17 Mozart's "Rondo Alla —"
- 18 Fencing blades
- 20 Get in a stew
- 24 Sends via phone line
- 29 Streaming music service
- 31 Prefix with disclosure
- 32 Give the boot
- 35 Boot part
- 36 Brazilian palm berry
- 37 Line of work
- 38 "Morning Edition" a'irer
- 40 HDTV maker

- 42 Pilot's skill
- 43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief
- 45 FDR and HST's party
- 47 Volcanic outflows
- 48 Praise heavily
- 49 Stomach
- 51 Decongestant brand
- 52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic)
- 53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor
- 54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar
- 57 Luminous
- 58 Spiral-shaped pasta
- 60 "Well, golly!"
- 62 Hide-hair link
- 63 "No seats left" abbr.
- 65 "Odyssey" temptress
- 66 Like twangy voices
- 67 Adequate
- 68 "That is ..."
- 70 Warm blanket
- 73 Jaw-dropping
- 75 As of
- 78 Prior to, in verse
- 81 Heavenly

- 82 River of Russia
- 83 Cooking vessels
- 85 Tiny particle
- 86 Road gunk
- 87 Six, in Seville
- 90 As surplus
- 92 Plains tent
- 93 Hogs' home
- 95 Wyoming mountains
- 97 Collection of hives
- 98 Round shape
- 99 Corp. shuffles
- 100 "That is ...," to Caesar
- 101 Head for hurriedly
- 102 Cry to a battlefield medic
- 104 Impulses
- 106 Grammy winner
- 107 Scott in an 1857 court case
- 109 Slender
- 110 Brothers' group, in brief
- 111 Chew like a beaver
- 113 Kind of whale
- 114 British noble
- 117 Operate
- 118 Bushy hairdo, for short



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LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL: Board members discuss safety concerns

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“We’re trying to keep the kids and staff from being uprooted or shuffled around for the time-frame,” Dale said. “We have a timeline now that we’re working towards. As we start building this and looking to go to bid, it’s all going to come back to the board for its approval. It will be a constant education process as we go through this and we’ll keep you up to date as we go.”

Safety

Discussion was had during the meeting by board members and administration on safety of students at Lincoln Elementary School after two kindergarten students at the school went missing for a short time Sept. 15 before they were found safe and released to the care of their parents. The students did not return to their assigned classrooms after lunch recess.

Superintendent Jason Harper said “a lot of conversations” on the topic have been had among administration, teachers and the board in the past month.

“These two incidents that took place are inexcusable,” Harper said. “We agree with the consensus that we can and must be better. Principal Hayden and Lincoln staff has been working on a series of things to keep our kids more safe as much of the time as we possibly can. There have been some supervision changes. That means increasing the number of supervisors, modifying sight lines and positioning and procedural changes.”

A safety committee has been put into place that will meet monthly. That committee has also designed an alert system for a lost child when students aren’t where they’re supposed to be that involves PA announcements and procedures for teachers for counting students and reporting it to the office.

“We appreciate everyone coming together to recognize some of the challenges that are going on and how to do all of this stuff in a more cohesive, efficient and just better manner,” Harper said. “This is an ongoing process and the safety committee will be meeting regularly to reassess what is going well and what’s not going well”

District Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle said the first meeting of the internal safety team was held last week and new practices that work well at Lincoln will be shared to other schools in the district.

Board Member Stephanie White asked Harper whether discussions have been had about putting fencing or barriers around the playground to keep children from corn fields and a retention pond in the area.

“There have been recent discussions about putting fencing around the playground,” Harper said. “One of the primary components of a recent safety assessment was to not have any hard or soft barriers to create choke points in the event of an emergency situation. There’s a balancing act with those types of things. In the future we could have some kind of recommendation to rethink some



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Kevin Dale speaks during the Rochelle School District 231 Board Meeting on Tuesday evening.

of those types of things.”

Enrollment

Harper provided a yearly fall update on the district’s current enrollment numbers. The elementary district currently has a total of 1,396 students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Last year at this time, the district had 1,417 students from K-8, which was a slight uptick from 2021-2022.

“From 1,417 last year to 1,396 this year represents 21 less students from last year,” Harper said. “This is still about 30 students more than two years ago coming off the pandemic. This is not a low water mark in our 20-25-year history, but we are at a second-to-lowest number that we’ve had in that same span.”

HUB Program

HUB Program Director Yazmin Nambo provided an update on the district’s after-school and summer program that’s targeted to support the district’s K-8 at-risk youth. Enrollment numbers in the HUB Program are up this year. Last year it was at 168 students at this time and currently that number is at 220. Central and Tilton Elementary Schools have the highest numbers at

145. The Rochelle Middle School numbers are also higher this year than they were last year.

The summer HUB Program had 120 students enrolled this past summer and that time involved trips and activities for students.

Communication

Harper provided an update on district parent/community communication. The district, after circulating a survey that yielded feedback on its communication needs, recently started utilizing a new service called Apptegy.

Both districts now have revamped websites and an app is now available for families to download. Apptegy provides a main platform hub where district employees can simultaneously share information across different platforms and groups.

“It’s a great way to stay in the loop about what’s going on in our buildings,” Harper said. “Like anything, we’re figuring out how best to use it. The initial feedback has been generally positive, so we just continue to march down this path and work on this. It has been shared with our parents to download the app.”



95th birthday celebration held for King

On Sept. 25, a 95th birthday celebration was held for Louis King of Steward. King has lived in the area for 75 years. He has been married to Darlene for 67 years. They have eight children, 17 grandkids, 11 great grandkids and one on the way.

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SPORTS



HALL OF FAMERS

The Rochelle Frankies were inducted into the USA Softball of Illinois Hall of Fame.

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RTHS Volleyball

(COURTESY PHOTO)



Sophomore Lady Hubs finish 3-1 to earn first-place trophy in Rochelle Invitational on Saturday

The Rochelle Lady Hub sophomore volleyball team went 3-1 over four matches to win the Rochelle Invitational on Saturday. The Lady Hubs opened the tournament with a three-set loss against Oregon, falling 25-15, 22-25, 10-15 before earning three straight wins. Rochelle defeated Rock Falls 25-20, 25-20 before taking down Sterling 25-15, 25-21 to reach the championship match. The Lady Hubs battled Kaneland for the tournament title, outlasting the Knights 25-20, 25-19 to finish first in the tournament. Above from left to right are Kyler Dickson, Jaicee Ramos, Rylin Tabor, Rylie Thomas, Katie Toczykowski (front row), coach Lindsay Suess, Keirra Clark, Reese Kissack, Jaydin Dickey, Briel Metzger, Meredith Bruns, Emori Mickley, Kyrie Cragin and Ava Horner.

RTHS Volleyball

Second-set surge not enough against Kaneland

Varsity team concedes 11-25, 24-26 home loss to Knights on Tuesday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Just two points separated the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team from extending its Interstate 8 Conference match against Kaneland to three sets on Tuesday night.

Despite trailing 13-9 midway through the second set, Rochelle fought back to tie and eventually take the lead, with multiple players including senior Alivia Henkel as well as juniors Lauren Dyer and Taelynn Rodeghero delivering big kills for the Lady Hubs. A 5-1 run forced Kaneland to call timeout with the Lady Hubs leading 23-18, but the Knights managed to respond after the pause, rallying off an 8-1 run that included five straight points to hand Rochelle an 11-25, 24-26 loss.

“We talked about staying loose and continuing to read the play,” head coach Molly Sly said. “We talked about playing to win and I thought we tightened up at the end... I switched up our lineup during the first set to try and match up with their hitters on the block a little better, but we went back to our original lineup



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Lauren Dyer reaches for a dig during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Kaneland on Tuesday.

during the second set and that told me everything I needed to know.”

Kaneland emerged with a 10-5 lead early in the first set, using its defense to deflect several shots from the Rochelle front line back to the Lady Hub side of the court. Hitting errors and ball handling errors also proved troublesome for the Rochelle side in the opening set, where the Knights extended their lead to 18-9 and forced the Lady

Hubs to burn their second timeout.

Rochelle (15-14, 1-6 Interstate 8) found its rhythm early in the second set, where the Lady Hubs began generating better back-row passes along with more positive defensive touches on blocks. Kaneland briefly retook the lead midway through the second set, but the Lady Hub offense came alive late in the set, with Henkel swinging for a booming kill

shot to give Rochelle an 18-17 lead. Kills from Dyer and Rodeghero, who combined for 11 in the match, allowed the Lady Hubs to command a five-point lead and force Kaneland to burn a timeout to quell the momentum.

A nearly two-minute-long rally ensued near the end of the second set, with Kaneland earning a critical point to make the score 23-21 and force Rochelle to use a timeout. A series



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Taelynn Rodeghero passes the ball forward during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Kaneland.

of quick kills from the Knights enabled Kaneland to sneak ahead 25-24 and require the Lady Hubs to use a second timeout. The

Knights clinched the match with a booming kill from the outside hitter spot.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT



**Magaly
Belmonte**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross

Country

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

A: This is my first year of doing this sport.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Running and the people.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because it's easy for me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a detective because I enjoy learning about crime and solving mysteries.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: New York because I want to go to the city.

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

A: Having something to look forward to after school.

**Edward
Koziol**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross

Country



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

A: One year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Running and training with friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: English because I'm always learning new words to apply to my speech.

Q: Who is your favorite

athlete and why?

A: Tommy Koziol because he's a great coach and leader and he has the drive to do more.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My brother Tommy because he got me into running and he's a great motivator.

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

A: Free food during meets.

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SPORTS

RTHS Boys Soccer

Hubs concede home finale against Kaneland

Casillas scores four goals as Rochelle defeats LaSalle-Peru on Monday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team hosted Kaneland for an Interstate 8 Conference match on Saturday morning. Three Rochelle players scored goals as the Hubs conceded an 8-4 loss to the Knights. Junior Alberto Casillas had two goals, while senior Diego Salazar and junior Fernando Diaz each added goals for the Hubs (4-12-2, 1-8 Interstate 8). Rochelle fell behind early in the match, with Kaneland scoring goals in the second and sixth minutes before the Hubs made the score 2-1 after Casillas found the back of the Kaneland net during the 10th minute. The Knights fired right back and seized control of the match, adding goals in the 11th, 16th and 24th minutes to command a 5-1 halftime advantage over the Hubs.

The two teams exchanged goals early in the second half, with Kaneland scoring in the 42nd minute before Casillas converted his second goal of the morning in the 43rd minute. The Knights continued to extend their lead after scoring back-to-back goals over the 54th

and 55th minutes to hold an 8-2 advantage over Rochelle. Goals from the junior forward Diaz in the 59th minute and the senior forward Salazar in the 67th minute brought Kaneland within four.

Sophomore Antonio Hueramo recorded five saves for the Hubs, who will travel for a conference match against LaSalle-Peru before facing Freeport in the IHSA 2A Regional Quarterfinals.

LaSalle-Peru

Junior Alberto Casillas scored a team-high four goals as the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team concluded the Interstate 8 Conference schedule with a 7-5 road win over LaSalle-Peru on Monday evening. Senior Diego Salazar recorded three goals for the Hubs (5-12-2, 2-8 Interstate 8), who will travel for the IHSA 2A Regional Quarterfinals at Freeport on Saturday morning.

Sophomore Antonio Hueramo totaled 14 saves for the Hubs, who saw three players including Casillas and Salazar along with junior Fernando Diaz notch assists in the win. The Rochelle defense hung tough against the Cavaliers, who outshot the Hubs 41-26 and 35-15 in

shots on goal while earning eight corner kicks during the match. Rochelle led 1-0 after Salazar found the back of the net during the first minute.

LaSalle-Peru tied the match with a goal in the third minute, but the Hubs fired right back after Salazar notched his second goal of the match during the 11th minute. Casillas assisted Salazar's third goal of the match in the 17th minute, giving Rochelle a 3-1 advantage before Diaz connected with Casillas for a goal in the 20th minute. The Cavaliers made the score 4-2 after a goal in the 38th minute.

LaSalle-Peru once again tied the score after converting back-to-back goals in the 43rd and 45th minutes to start the second half. Casillas gave Rochelle the lead with the second of his four goals, scoring in the 52nd minute to push the Hubs ahead 5-4. Salazar assisted Casillas in the 65th minute and Casillas followed with an unassisted goal in the 68th minute to give the Hubs a 7-4 advantage.

The Cavaliers answered with a goal in the 69th minute, but the three-goal deficit was too much to come back from.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Sophomore goalkeeper Antonio Hueramo clears the ball during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer match against Kaneland on Saturday.

VBALL: Rochelle handed losses from LaSalle-Peru, Sycamore

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Rochelle will travel for a conference road match against LaSalle-Peru on Thursday before hosting Morris for Senior Night next Tuesday. The Lady Hubs will then face Ottawa on the road before beginning the IHSA 3A LaSalle-Peru Regional as the No. 6 seed on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Rochelle will face the No. 4 seed Morris, with the winner likely facing

No. 1 seed L-P.

"It's an interesting schedule because we'll see LaSalle-Peru on Thursday and we're hoping to see them in the regional finals," Sly said. "We'll see Morris on Senior Night next Tuesday and we're playing them for our first regional match. Usually, we don't see two teams that we'll hopefully see in the regional during the final week of the season. I think this should get our

minds in the right spots and we're hoping to have a great postseason run."

LaSalle-Peru

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team concluded its Interstate 8 Conference home-and-home series against LaSalle-Peru on Thursday. Junior Taelynn Rodeghero finished with six kills and senior Alivia Henkel added five kills as the Lady Hubs fell to the Cavaliers 21-25,

18-25.

Junior Dempsey Atkinson recorded a team-leading 14 digs and junior Ali Ohlinger dished out 18 assists for the Lady Hubs (15-15, 1-7 Interstate 8), who will host Morris for Senior Night on Tuesday before traveling for their conference finale against Ottawa next Thursday. Junior Emma Kennay added nine digs and senior Kennedy Adamski totaled two blocks in the loss to

the Cavaliers. Ohlinger finished with four service aces.

Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team went three sets against Sycamore in Interstate 8 Conference action on Thursday, Oct. 5. Junior Taelynn Rodeghero finished with 15 kills and junior Lauren Dyer followed with 12 kills as the Spartans held on to hand

the Lady Hubs a 19-25, 27-25, 14-25 defeat.

Junior Dempsey Atkinson led the Rochelle defense with 19 kills, while junior Ali Ohlinger facilitated the Rochelle offense with 30 assists. Ohlinger added eight digs and three blocks on defense for the Lady Hubs, who recorded seven service aces and 42 digs in the match. Senior Kennedy Adamski finished with five kills and one block.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION AND HEARING ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 23-5443, adopted on October 10, 2023 (the "Ordinance"), the City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois (the "City"), intends to issue bonds in one or more series that may be taxable or tax exempt, being general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") using the full faith and credit of the City as security and payable from the hereinafter identified revenue source, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, and bearing interest per annum at not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time the Bonds are sold, for the purpose of financing project costs, including certain capital projects within the City, including but not limited to the purchase and demolition of property, property redevelopment, installation of infrastructure including streets, curb and gutter, water mains, sewer lines and storm sewers, installation of new street lighting, and the installation and burying of electric infrastructure (collectively, the "Project") and paying certain costs thereof. The Bonds shall be payable from (i) incremental taxes derived from the City's applicable tax increment financing ("TIF") redevelopment project area, namely the City's Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, Downtown & Southern Gateway TIF District in which the project is located, arising under Section 5/11 74.4 8 of the TIF Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, (ii) any and such other funds of the City lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose, and (iii) ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds is attached hereto and appears below this notice.

Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 357 or more of registered voters of the City is submitted to the City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Ordinance and this Notice asking that the question (the "Proposition") of the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to the voters of said City at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, then said City shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to any of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State, as amended. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City located at 420 North 6th Street,

Rochelle, Illinois. /s/ Rose Huéramo City Clerk
City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois
ORDINANCE NO. 23-5443
AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023A of the City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital projects within the City and paying for costs related thereto, as amended.

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois (the "City"), is a municipal corporation and body politic of the State of Illinois (the "State"), duly created, organized and existing under the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code"), and having the powers, objects and purposes provided by said Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City (collectively, the "Corporate Authorities") have determined that it is necessary to finance the costs of certain capital projects within the City, including but not limited to the purchase and demolition of property, property redevelopment, installation of infrastructure including streets, curb and gutter, water mains, sewer lines and storm sewers, installation of new street lighting, and the installation and burying of electric infrastructure (collectively, the "Project") and pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds (as such term is hereinafter defined), all for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, printing and publication costs, capitalized interest, and other expenses (collectively, the "Costs"), is not more than \$2,500,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,500,000 of bonds need to be issued at this time pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS 5/11 74.4 (the "TIF Act") and the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State, 30 ILCS 350/1 to 350/18 (the "Reform Act," and collectively with the TIF Act, the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the best interests of the City that the Project be completed, and in order to raise funds required for such purpose it will be necessary for the City to borrow an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,500,000 and in evidence thereof to issue bonds in one or more series that may be taxable or tax exempt, being general obligation bonds payable from (i) incremental taxes derived from the City's applicable tax increment financing ("TIF") redevelopment project area, namely the City's Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, Downtown & Southern Gateway TIF District in which the project is located, arising under Section 5/11 74.4 8 of the TIF Act of the State, as amended, and (ii) any and such other funds of the City lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, all in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the above mentioned revenue source is insufficient to pay the bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 74.4 7 of the TIF Act and Section 5 of the Reform Act, the City is authorized to issue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the Project and to pay the Costs. NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Corporate Authorities hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true, and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Determination To Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the City to complete the Project for the purpose of completing the Project and paying the Costs, general obligation bonds of the City using the full faith and credit of the City as security are hereby authorized to be issued and sold in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, known as "General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2023A" (the "Bonds") of the City, said Bonds being payable from (i) incremental taxes derived from the City's applicable tax increment financing ("TIF") redevelopment project area, namely the City's Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, Downtown & Southern Gateway TIF District in which the project is located, arising under Section 5/11 74.4 8 of the TIF Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, (ii) any and such other funds of the City lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose, and (iii) ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the City without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 3. Publication. This ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published once in the Rochelle News Leader, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and if no petition, signed by 357 electors (said number being the greater of (i) seven and one half percent (7½%) of the registered voters in the City or (ii) the lesser of 200 registered voters or 15% of registered voters), is filed with the City Clerk of the City within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this ordinance and the Notice asking that the question (the "Proposition") of the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to the voters of said City at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, then said City shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Bonds for the

purpose hereinabove provided. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to any of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State, as amended. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City located at 420 North 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois, to any individual requesting one.

Section 4. Additional Ordinances. If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the purposes described herein. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law.

Section 5. Additional Proceedings. If no petition meeting the requirement of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement relating to the Bonds is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to deem the preliminary official statement nearly final.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSENT: _____

PASSED this 10th day of October, 2023.
APPROVED by me this 10th day of October, 2023.

By: /s/ John Bearrows
Its: Mayor, City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Rose Huéramo
Its: City Clerk, City of Rochelle, Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois

No. 1027
(October 15, 2023)

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203 HELP WANTED

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SPORTS

1967 Rochelle Frankies inducted into USA Softball of Illinois Hall of Fame

Former RTHS student-athlete Lyle “Smitty” Smith earns individual induction during ceremony

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

DECATUR — USA Softball of Illinois held the 2023 Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Hall at Five-Twenty in Decatur. Among the Hall of Fame individual and team inductees for the Class of 2023 were former Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Lyle “Smitty” Smith and the 1967 Rochelle Frankies fastpitch softball team.

The 1967 Rochelle Frankies featured Smith along with Clark Gustafson, Jerry Rand, Roger Gustafson, Harry Berg, Allen Berg, Jerry Tobler, John DeJarnette, Paul Butler, Richie Smith, Lee Clegg, Glenn Baldwin, Bill Hirter, Ernie Blackburn, Roger Willrett and manager Lyle Drexler. The Frankies went 49-11 during the 1967 season and won the Chicago Metro Tournament.

Lyle Smith

Lyle “Smitty” Smith was an athlete at Rochelle Township High School, where he played basketball and was named a captain during his senior season. In addition to earning the Hackett Award as the Most Valuable Player in basketball, Smith also competed in track and field. Smith was one of several Hub basketball legends who were named to the RTHS All-Century Team, earning Second-Team All-Century honors alongside numerous Hub basketball standouts.

Smith was the leading scorer for the RTHS basketball team during the 1954 season, when the Hubs won the IHSA Regional Championship



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and scored a then-school-record 65.2 points per game under coach Bill Wilkinson. Smith served as president of the RTHS Student Council and was also known for his pitching skills with the Aurora Sealway fastpitch softball team.

Smith’s 40-year fastpitch softball career began when he was 15 years old, when he competed for his local 4-H softball team and against other 4-H clubs in small-town rural Illinois. Smith became a star in the Shabbona League when he was 22 years old, winning

many league championships and earning several All-Star selections. Smith also helped lead the Pfister Hybrid softball team to a win over Kessen to clinch the Rochelle City League championship.

The Pfister Hybrids, who were eventually renamed the Rochelle Frankies, were a dominant softball team between 1958 and 1970. The team accomplished great feats outside of the Hub City, winning the Ottawa Invitational when Smith was 24 years old. The team continued its expansion

with its participation in the Rockford-Loves Park League, where Smith was named an All-Star. During the 1970s, Smith pitched for teams that won league titles in DeKalb and Aurora.

Smith competed on the Chicago Metro, Midwest Regional and National levels throughout the 1960s. During a notable doubleheader, the Frankies hosted the U.S. Navy before taking on the Aurora Sacos, with Smith dropping a fantastic pitcher’s duel against Illinois Hall of Famer Don Proctor. Smith defeated

Proctor in 1967, when the Frankies won the Chicago Metropolitan championship. The 31-year-old Smith allowed only five hits across the semifinals and finals.

In 1981, Smith pulled back from competing at higher levels in order to play a smaller schedule. When Smith was 45 years old, he chose to play and lead his team to the DeKalb City League championship. Smith played for the DeKalb County Farm Bureau 35ers, returning to his roots after he had started his career with his local 4-H club. Through-

out his late 40s and early 50s, Smith and his brother Galen pitched the 35ers to five straight Illinois State Farm Bureau titles.

Smith’s fastpitch softball career concluded with two Chicago Metro Championships as well as five straight Illinois State Farm Bureau Championships. Smith defeated multiple Illinois Softball Hall of Famers including Don Proctor (Aurora Sacos), Giles “Bud” Challand (Maple Park), Phil Reimer (Rockford) and Joe Lynch (Aurora Sealmasters and National Hall of Famer).

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