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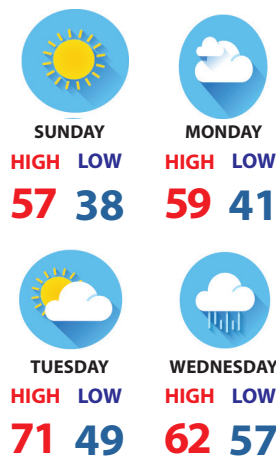
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New K9 team at Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Deputy Kyle White and K9 Gator are the new team at the County Sheriff's Office.  
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## Bearrows presents at County Board meeting

### Engineering agreement for Lake Mistake study approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows, who talked about the relationship between the city and the county and presented Rochelle's \$50,000 contribution to the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation to Board Vice-Chairwoman Pat Nordman.

The OCEDC was officially established recently representing all of Ogle County, its communities, employers and citizens. The OCEDC's vision statement is "Ogle County, Illinois: An economic destination for growth and prosperity." Since 2019, more than a dozen communities, utility companies, state and regional economic agencies have come together to make the OCEDC a reality.

The OCEDC is made up of various officials from municipalities and the county. New officers elected at the July 20 meeting are Randy Schoon - president (Polo), Darin DeHaan - vice president (Oregon), Paula Diehl - secretary (Mt. Morris) and



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John Rickard - treasurer (Byron). Each officer represents a community that has pledged startup funds for the new organization. Ogle County has pledged funds as well.

"Last week, our city council voted unanimously to contribute to the OCEDC," Bearrows said.

"We're extremely pleased to contribute. Because we feel very strongly that the entire county is our region. As mayor, I know I speak for the entire city council when I say Rochelle is very proud to be a part of that endeavor. The economic development success we've seen in

Rochelle in the past years has been amazing to say the least. When one of us benefits, the whole county does."

Rochelle is the only city in the county with its own dedicated economic development department.

Bearrows said he hopes to continue the relation-

ship between the city and county in the future. The county recently contributed \$50,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to the city's fire training facility project which it recently broke ground on.

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## Ribbon cutting held for Kishwaukee College welding lab

### President Borowicz: 'This space is an example of how a college evolves'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

MALTA — On Tuesday, an open house and ribbon cutting were held for Kishwaukee College's new welding lab on campus.

The event included a welcome by Kish College President Dr. Laurie Borowicz and remarks by College Board of Trustees President Bob Johnson, Dean of Office of Instruction Chase Budziak, Enbridge Community Ambassador Jerry Smith and Kish Welding Program Student Donovan James.

Borowicz said that welding has been a staple of the college's offerings for a long time, but it was previously done in "a very small space."

"This new space is an example of how a college evolves," Borowicz said. "And how when the needs change, we change. We used to have auto collision in here, and the industry changed. We no longer needed this space and it turned out to be the perfect opportunity to expand a



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program that could use expansion like welding. It's a need for our community and businesses."

Welding is one of Kish's career & technical education program offerings. Johnson said the new welding lab project took "quite a while" due to the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain problems.

The new lab is four times larger than the previous lab.

"We have room to grow," Johnson said. "Well-trained welders are needed by many employers in our area. Thanks to all of the companies that have provided employment for our graduates. Thank you for joining us

today and spread the word that Kish can now train more and better welders."

Budziak thanked the board of trustees, Borowicz and the "countless people" that worked on the new welding lab project. The project has been going on for two years.

Enbridge is an international energy compa-

ny that has a crude oil pipeline in the region that runs from Superior, Wisconsin down through Boone, DeKalb and LaSalle counties. Enbridge reached out to Kish during pipeline work and donated pipe to its welding program.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Three generations of Seaworth family serve Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD

A family member has served for 51 years: 'We've just always done it'



(COURTESY PHOTO)

From left to right: Mike Seaworth, Hannah Seaworth and Todd Seaworth of the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District. The family now has three generations serving at once and a Seaworth has been involved in the organization for the past 51 years.

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**LINDENWOOD** — Upon moving to Holcomb in 1972, Mike Seaworth joined the Holcomb Fire Department.

That organization would later become part of what is now known as the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District. 15 years after Seaworth joined, his son, Todd, joined the LSRFPD. 10 years later, Todd became chief and has served in that position since. Last December, Todd's daughter, Hannah, joined the department. There are now three generations of Seaworths serving the LSRFPD.

"I guess it just got instilled in me by my dad," Todd said. "I grew up watching him do it, so I just felt that it was a community service that needed more people to help do it. I wanted to continue doing what he did. When Hannah wanted to get involved, I felt a sense of pride. Hopefully I've instilled the same work ethic or value for community service that my dad did for me. It makes you feel good to see that hopefully she carries on the community service."

Lynn-Scott-Rock is made up of three towns: Lindenwood, Davis Junction and Holcomb. The name of the volunteer fire protection district comes from the three townships that house them: Lyn-

nville, Scott and White Rock.

The district was previously three separate stations. Mike served as the Holcomb station chief for 12 years. This year was his 51st as a member of the fire protection district.

"I've kept doing it for so long because I like helping people out," Mike said. "Helping the community is the main thing. We have a lot better equipment like air packs and stuff like that. We didn't even have air packs when I started. We have them now and it's just better equipment and gear. It's really improved over the years."

Hannah Seaworth remembers running around the station as a child and asking for rides in the trucks and putting on her father's and grandfather's gear. After the Lindenwood fire station was built, she spent "countless" hours there, even before she started to volunteer. It was a place where she got a lot of her homework done.

Hannah said she decided to join the department to bond with her dad and grandfather, along with the fact that she wants to have a career in the medical field in the future.

"I just wanted to get a taste of that field with EMT work and that really pushed me to get involved," Hannah said.

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## CFNIL accepting applications for In Youth We Trust grants

**OGLE COUNTY** — The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is now accepting applications for the In Youth We Trust (IYWT) youth grant program until 5 p.m. on Nov. 16. Applications must be submitted by youth-led groups or organizations serving youth in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson or Winnebago Counties, using the forms found at <https://cfnil.org/grants/youth>. Applications will be reviewed by the In Youth We Trust Council, a group of local high school students who convene monthly at the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois to learn about grant-making, volunteerism, and community leadership.

Applicants can request a maximum of \$3,000. Recent recipients include Auburn Key Club, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Rochelle Interact Club, and Winnovation FIRST Robotics.

The IYWT Council looks for projects that: Promote collaboration and teamwork, Provide creative solutions to community issues, Help youth recognize the important role they plan within

their communities, Have a clear, practical plan for implementation and a realistic budget, and have measurable and meaningful results.

Applicants must be part of a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public institution (such as a school), and/or an organized group carrying out a charitable purpose for the public good. Additionally, youth should be involved in every aspect of the grant process, including project planning, grant writing and project implementation.

For complete program details and to access the application, visit <https://cfnil.org/grants/youth>.

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois has been a regional leader in philanthropy since 1953, inspiring endowment and promoting philanthropy for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. CFNIL established In Youth We Trust in 1994 with a grant from the Ford Foundation. In Youth We Trust teaches grantmaking and volunteerism to today's youth, preparing them to be the positive change of tomorrow.

## Ogle County Fair Association annual meeting is Nov. 4

**OREGON** — The Annual Meeting of the Ogle County Fair Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Pines Road, Oregon.

All fair members are invited to attend. Membership to the association is accomplished through contribution or volunteering of time for improvement of the fair. All members vote on the

election of the board of directors.

This year we are having a potluck dinner, with the board providing meat dishes, coffee, and water. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The meeting will include review of the year and election of three board directors. Please RSVP if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.



# LOCAL NEWS

## SEAWORTH: Local family reflects on service with Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD

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“And I just love the idea of helping out the community as well and being able to give back. It was a little intimidating because everyone is older and I’m the baby on the department. But it’s so much fun because it motivates other people, too. Next week I’m going to a grade school and I’m going to talk to kids about joining the fire department. You can just motivate other people to join. I can show people that young people can join their local fire departments.”

Being on a volunteer fire department “creates another family,” Hannah said. While each LSRFPD station is different, the members are a “tight-knit” group. Hannah has been working towards getting her EMT license and said department personnel have offered their help with studying. Being the chief’s daughter and a third generation member doesn’t bring any special treatment with it, Hannah said.

“My dad just says what to do and how to do it and to ask questions of people if I have them,” Hannah said. “He kind of threw me to the wolves, but thankfully I knew a lot of them. And my grandpa is always really helpful and we’re always joking on

calls and stuff. He asks if I’m a new face and says he hasn’t seen me before. It’s always a good time and we’re always smiling on a call.”

The LSRFPD currently has three members that have served for over 50 years that are still active. It also has had several families that have had two generations of volunteers, but Todd said other than his own, he doesn’t know of any with three generations.

“It’s something to be proud of,” Todd said. “It makes you feel proud that you’re providing a service to the community for that long. We’ve just always done it. I’m not sure what I would do if I wasn’t doing it. It’s been just kind of natural for us. There’s always certain calls that stick with you. You talk about them with your family and what could have been better or worse.”

Chief Seaworth said the LSRFPD is always seeking more volunteers, as call volumes have increased about 10 percent yearly over the past few years. And the department is trying to cover more calls with less volunteers due to increased state certification requirements.

“It’s becoming a bigger load for the few that are volunteering,” Todd said. “We always need



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more volunteers to help and our population is also growing. The call volume increase is taxing our volunteers and we’re relying more and more on mutual aid. Other volunteer departments are helping each other and Rochelle comes out and helps us with calls that we’re unable to staff. All of the neighboring de-

partments are in the same position now unfortunately. It just takes more and more teamwork between not only our district, but neighboring districts, to cover all of the calls now.”

Chief Seaworth thanked his volunteers for their work and taking time away from their friends and families to serve the

community in times of need.

Oct. 8-14 was Fire Prevention Week. The Seaworths feel pride in their entire community, not just in their own family.

“It’s been really good serving with them,” Mike said. “My son has always lived pretty close to us and we’ve always gotten along

well. My granddaughter is just getting into it now. Todd came up through the ranks and got a lot more training than me to be a firefighter and fire chief. It makes me feel good to see Hannah getting involved. It does make me feel older, though. I’m really proud of the whole family and the whole community.”

## County recycling event and food drive is Nov. 17

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event and food drive on Friday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. To obtain a free permit call 815-732-4020 or email [solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecounty-il.gov) and provide your name, address, phone number and email address by 4 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 16.

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ed for \$5 per unit. Cash or check accepted.

Limit seven large or bulky items per permit and one permit per county household per month. Business or institutional electronic materials not accepted at these events. Business or institutional electronics are accepted by the OCSWMD via a separate program. Call the number above for more information and pricing for business electronic recycling, and to make an appointment for drop off of the materials to be recycled.

Also, in conjunction with this event, we are again this year hosting a food drive. All donations will be distributed by OCSWMD to local food pantries across Ogle County. Items accepted include

non-expired can goods and jars of food, boxed food items, as well as household essentials such as sealed toothpaste, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper towels and toilet paper.

For more information about this recycling event call the OCSWMD at the number above, visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov), or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Arnold Boudreau

**ROCHELLE** — Arnold Boudreau, born on March 1, 1931, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2023. Arnold's life was marked by dedication, hard work, and a deep commitment to his family, his community, and his faith.

Arnold began his career at A. O. Smith, where he started in maintenance. Through years of unwavering dedication and hard work, he rose through the ranks to retire as the Plant Manager after an illustrious 42-year career. In his retirement years, he dedicated his time to the betterment of his community. He served at the Rochelle Food Pantry from 1991 to 1995, and later, at the Rochelle Food Bank from 1995 to 2002, where he made a significant impact on the lives of those in need.

A devout Catholic, Arnold found solace and strength in his faith. Outside of his work and community service, Arnold enjoyed the simple pleasures

of life. He had a passion for golf, spending countless hours on the green, and cherished leisurely walks.

Arnold Boudreau will be remembered as a loving husband, a dedicated professional, a compassionate community servant, and a man of deep faith. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know him.

He is survived by his devoted spouse of 71 years, Eileen Lanoue; three children, Bernette Benson, Anthony Boudreau, and Teresa Schofield; four grandchildren; and a brother, David (Suzy) Boudreau Jr.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Boudreau; grandson, Jaime Boudreau; and son-in-law, Larry Benson.

A visitation to celebrate Arnold's life will be held on Monday, October 23, 2023, from 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Rochelle, IL. A funeral mass will immediately follow the visitation at 11:00



A.M., officiated by Father Jesus Dominguez. There will be an additional visitation on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. at Cotter Funeral Home in Mokena, IL with a graveside service following at 11:30 A.M. at St. Patrick Cemetery in Mokena, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Rochelle. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

The family would like to sincerely thank Manor Court Skilled Nursing of Rochelle and all their staff for the care Arnold received during his final years. May he rest in eternal peace.

### Herbert Joseph Sondgeroth

**ROCHELLE** — Herbert Joseph Sondgeroth, 84, passed away at his home in Rochelle, Illinois Friday, October 13, 2023. Herb was born on September 4, 1939 to Herbert J. and Ruth (Dieder) Sondgeroth in Mendota, IL. He proudly served with the United States Army. On September 17, 1993, he married Carol Cipolla Armesto in Rockford, IL.

Herb was a loving, loyal husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather. He was a man of his word with a generous heart. Herb grew up in west Brooklyn Illinois, with 13 siblings and was a lifetime member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. He was the founder and operator of Sondgeroth Pool Construction for 40 years. His passion for pools led him to lifetime friendships. He was always putting a smile on faces by joking and pulling pranks. During off pool season, Herb snow plowed residential and business areas. He loved to snowmobile, attend NASCAR and travel, which included great food. He

also had the pleasure of going up north with his son and family. Herb took great pride in taking care of his yard. He loved life and his family.

Herb is survived by his wife, Carol of Rochelle; his son, Christopher (Kristine) Sondgeroth of Rochelle; two stepchildren: Garrett (David) Egland-Rock of Lombard, IL and Tiffany Baker of Villa Park, IL; five grandchildren: Zackery (Ariana Lodico) Sondgeroth, Lexie (Mike Henry) Sondgeroth, Mitchell Baker and Carl Baker, and Tyler Reints; four great grandchildren: Gianna and Miles Henry, and Elijah and Jett Sondgeroth; three brothers: Maurice Sondgeroth of Ashton, IL, Ron Sondgeroth of Rochelle and Terry Sondgeroth of Dixon, IL; and five sisters: Pat Malach of Sublette, IL, Barbara (Dave) Hershberger of Mendota, IL, Sharon Eckhardt of Ft. Myers, FL, Jeanette (Paul) Sereg of Dixon, IL and Kathy (Tom) Pozzi of Rockford, IL.

In addition to his parents, Herb was preceded



in death by his daughter, Jennifer Lynn Reints; brother, Kevin Sondgeroth; and three sisters: Marietta Sondgeroth, Norma Wendt and Theresa Flynn.

There will be a memorial service at 8:30 A.M., Saturday, October 21, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 236 Kelley Drive, Rochelle with Father Jesus Dominguez officiating. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Following the service, there will be an open house celebrating Herb's life at 10419 E. Flagg Rd., Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Herb's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**OREGON** — On Oct. 19 deputies, along with Mt. Morris Fire personnel responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2,600 block of West Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, it was learned that Shani McCollom, 52, of Forreston, had struck a

deer causing major damage to the front of her vehicle. Mt. Morris EMS transported McCollom to KSB Hospital for her injuries. Carr Towing removed the vehicle from the location.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



## ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 17 at 8:40 a.m. Perry G. Logan, 70, of Sycamore was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Oct. 17 at 10:41 a.m. a 17-year-old juvenile of Kings was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle. She was issued a notice to appear and a Nov. 3 Rochelle

court date.

On Oct. 19 at 3:38 p.m. Samuel J. Volkert, 36, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was issued a notice to appear and given a Nov. 17 Rochelle court date.

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### Waste Connections donates to RACF

On Oct. 5, Waste Connections presented a \$40,000 donation to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. Waste Connections and RACF representatives were joined by City of Rochelle officials. "RACF values partnerships that leave long lasting impacts on our community," RACF Executive Director Emily Anaya said. "We are genuinely grateful to the City of Rochelle and Waste Connections for working together to continue to support our area through meaningful philanthropic gifts such as this one. RACF will put this donation towards the greatest area of need, which in turn provides a more significant impression on those we serve."

## August deaths in Oregon attributed to drug overdose

**OREGON** — Two deaths that occurred at a home in Oregon in August have been attributed to a drug overdose, an Oct. 20 Oregon Police Department press release said.

On Aug. 28 the Oregon Police Department responded to 807 Franklin

St. for a check welfare. Entry was made by Oregon officers and a check of the house was done. Officers located two deceased subjects identified as Philip Bausone, 50, and Becki Bausone, 54, both residents of this location. At that time, the Oregon Police Department, with the help of the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police, began an investigation into the deaths.

After awaiting toxicology reports and notifica-

tions to family, the Oregon Police Department in consultation with the Ogle County Coroner's Office found the deaths to be attributed to a drug overdose. There was no other evidence of contributing factors to the deaths of the Bausones and the investigation is closed.

The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Ogle County Coroner's Office and the Illinois State Police for their assistance in this investigation.

### Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Grants promote ag literacy for county youth through Ag in the Classroom

**OREGON** — The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to thrive as a resource for educating Ogle and Carroll county children about agriculture. This week the program received funding to continue classroom lessons thanks to IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions.

Eighty coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$647,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, training, educational lessons, and activities taking place

during the 2022-2023 school year.

“Providing these grants ensures teachers have the right resources to integrate accurate agricultural content into their classrooms,” Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC, said.

Last school year, 582,594 students and 40,046 teachers engaged in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. County AITC programs presented 28,848 individual programs throughout the state. Classroom presentations, farm field trips, and

agriculture expos add a new dimension to existing curricular standards.

“IAITC continues to help highlight Illinois’ number-one industry. Student reach increased 182 percent, showing a positive trend as we adjust to post-pandemic education,” Daugherty reflected.

During the 2023-2024 year there were 21,967 student contacts made through 1099 programs. Program activities included students making butter, kneading bread, studying

soil, enjoying pumpkin pie and much more.

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag Academies and more.

“Consistent and sustainable funding is key for IAITC to have great results,” Susan Moore,

director, IAA Foundation, said. “And knowing that so many Illinois students are making stronger connections to agriculture drives our donors to keep making ag literacy a priority, and we are grateful for that.”

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers Associ-

ation, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). For information on IAITC, visit [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org).

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Vein Drain Blood Drive is Oct. 25 at Holcomb Bank

**ROCHELLE** — The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC), Holcomb Bank, and 102.3 The Coyote will host the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Vein Drain Blood Drive from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Holcomb Bank, 233 E. Illinois

Route 38, Rochelle.

All donors will receive a T-shirt (while supplies last) and be entered into a drawing to win a \$500 gift card. A food truck will also be on site for donors to get a free snack once they complete their donations.

“We are continually

inspired by the unwavering commitment of Holcomb Bank and 102.3 The Coyote to host this annual drive year after year,” Heidi Ognibene, COO at the Rock River Valley Blood Center, said. “This drive is a testament to the power of our community as it pumps

life-saving blood into the 14 regional hospitals we support, including Rochelle Community Hospital.”

Donating blood is simple, and one unit can save up to three lives. After registering, a donor care specialist will take your vitals (temperature, blood

pressure, pulse and hemoglobin), you’ll complete an eligibility questionnaire, and then sit back and relax while you give. The donation itself only lasts about 10 minutes. Refreshments await after you’re done donating.

If you’re a first-time

donor, please bring a photo ID. Individuals can donate a single unit (whole blood donation, the most common type) every 56 days. Donors can make appointments online at [rrvbc.org](http://rrvbc.org), by calling 815-965-8751 or using the myRRVBC app. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

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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](http://thebridgechurchrochelle.com) Email: [thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com) with questions or for more information. Also check us out at [www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church](http://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](http://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](http://facebook.com/crestonumcil) [facebook.com/stewardilumc](http://facebook.com/stewardilumc)

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.firstbaptistrochelle.org)


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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](mailto: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/](http://www.placeforgrace.com/) [www.facebook.com/placeforgrace](http://www.facebook.com/placeforgrace)

**Grace Fellowship Church** — Pastor Jeff Ardisson, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. [www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

**Harvest Baptist Church** 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email [duane712@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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: [stpatriksrochelle.com](http://stpatriksrochelle.com) Email: [stpatrik-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stpatrik-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

## Hopes and fears about ending cash bail

THE rest of the nation will be watching Illinois in the months and years ahead. We are now, with the passage of the Pretrial Fairness Act, the first state to completely do away with cash bail. A lot is riding on how this turns out. People accused of criminal offenses have until now found themselves in one of two categories. Those who could post a cash bond walked free until their trials. Those who couldn't sit in jail for weeks or months. Basing freedom on the ability to pay raises obvious red flags about fairness and equality before the law. ACLU of Illinois (aclu-il.org: "End Money Bond"), reports that, under the old system, two-thirds of pretrial detainees were in jail simply because they couldn't afford bail, often with disastrous results. "While some charged with violent crimes like domestic battery were

able to buy their way out of jail under the old system," says NPR correspondent Hanna Meisel (nprillinois.org: Sept. 15, 2023), "Others were left sitting in jail for weeks or months because they can't afford bail, sometimes for low-level offenses. This cost some their jobs, homes or even parental rights in the process." An article from the Brookings Institute (brookings.edu: Authors Lattimore, Spohn, and DeMichele), describes how this desperate predicament can distort the pursuit of justice. "Pretrial detention results in a greater likelihood that individuals (irrespective of guilt) will plead guilty, a greater likelihood of being sentenced to incarceration, and longer sentences." The cash bail system denies to these people a basic right, called the presumption of innocence. It means that the

government can't punish someone for a crime before it has proved his/her guilt. The ACLU and other reformers argue that it also violates the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which says that everyone must be treated the same regardless of their place in society. The pressure is on for reform across the nation. The federal government eliminated cash bail in federal trials almost 40 years ago. New Jersey, Alaska, New York, Washington D.C., New Mexico, California, and Cook County, Illinois have all restricted its use. It seems likely that Illinois won't be the last state to completely do away with it. Ending such a deeply-rooted institution is nevertheless bound to arouse misgiving, opposition and legitimate

concerns. The strains that the new system may place on the resources of police and court systems is one of them. The claim that criminals will now roam at large and commit more crimes is another. It's true that people who aren't charged with violent crimes will in most cases walk free until their trials. But when CNN correspondents Holmes Lybrand and Tara Subramaniam, (cnn.com, Sept. 7, 2021) examined that issue by looking at jurisdictions that had restricted or eliminated cash bail up to that time, they found "no clear evidence" of a resulting increase in crime, citing four out of five studies. Pretrialfairness.org ("Get the Facts") similarly revealed no increase in crime or in failures to show up for trial in five such jurisdictions, including Cook County.



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When it comes to violent crimes, the new law in fact gives judges greater authority than before to keep defendants in jail, regardless of their wealth or lack of it. Jerry Nowicki (jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com: Nov. 4, 2022) explains that the judge in these cases must ask him-herself two basic questions: Is this defendant likely to fail to show up for trial? And does he/she pose a danger to victims or other people in the community? If the answer is yes to either question, the judge must detain the defendant, even if he can afford an extravagant bail bond. It's important to note in this regard that victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence will now have protections that weren't offered under the old system. They include the opportunity to participate in detention decisions and a requirement for officials to prosecute abusers when

they violate protective orders. The new law also establishes restrictions that didn't exist before on making traumatized victims testify in court. These are big changes, and the Devil is always in the details. Some will find the rules for release to be too lenient, for example, while others will find them too restrictive, an issue that we also had under the old system. We're likely to be making adjustments in the months and years ahead. How well we respond to these challenges will shape the future of the movement to end cash bail — and the injustices that it has for so long visited upon so many. Lowell Harp is a retired school psychologist who served school districts in Ogle County. His column runs monthly in The Ogle County Life. For previous articles, you can follow him on Facebook at <http://fb.me/lowellharp>.

## McDermott: Cemeteries of Rochelle

WHETHER it was "Poltergeist" or "Pet Cemetery" we all learned that it is best to avoid living anywhere near a cemetery. Unfortunately this may not be as easy as it may seem and as we approach Halloween (Oct. 31), what could possibly be a more appropriate story than the early cemeteries of Rochelle? It was 1838 when Sheldon Bartholomew moved to Hickory Grove (Rochelle). It was not long before he married Charlotte and purchased 40 acres on the north side of the city, of which they donated a portion to be used as a community cemetery. The boundaries were Seventh Street on the east, and Eighth Street the west. The south edge would have been 622 Seventh St. and the north edge 724 Seventh St. The whole area was about 330 feet per side and fenced in to protect from accidental

entry. There is no record of the first burial, but we do know that Sheldon himself passed in 1846 and was buried on the land. Over the next 36 years the cemetery on Seventh Street was the burial site of preference. Many of those buried there were placed in unmarked graves or marked with a simple wooden cross. Over time some families moved away and the graves of their loved ones were only minimally attended, crosses fell and were never replaced. Frequently the families dug their own graves, so there was no standard, they may be deep or shallow. St. Patrick's Catholic Church purchased land from Willard Flagg in 1867 and established a cemetery on the south side of town. The cemetery was consecrated in 1877. Initially the entrance was off Avenue H. The main entrance was moved to

Main Street in 1960. Home construction moved north and the community leaders had a choice to make, do we protect the cemetery and have a grave yard in the middle of our town, or do we move the cemetery to an area outside of town? The choice was made, and in 1875 the City of Rochelle established Lawn Ridge cemetery at the far west edge of the community. Lawn Ridge was not well received by the population and lawsuits were filed. The lawsuits lasted until 1878 when the courts ruled in favor of the city. The cemetery on Seventh Street was to be closed, the bodies removed, and transferred to the new Lawn Ridge Cemetery. In their usual good grace the city offered to move the bodies of veterans for

a reduced fee, the bodies of non-veterans were the responsibility of their families. For those with no families or in unmarked graves there was no recourse, they remained where they were. Articles in the Rochelle Register and Rochelle Herald in 1886, 1887 and 1889 pressed the city to clean up the old cemetery. Secondary problems arose as people who had purchased funeral plots refused to sell them. The court cases lasted until 1905 before all of the land rights were settled. The property was so overgrown that there were cows and horses grazing on the land. The land which had been the cemetery was divided into 11 lots and put up for sale. Unfortunately it was 30 years before anyone would build on the land. It was 1979, 104



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years later before the last lot was filled. What an eventful development it was. Harvey Phelps was digging the basement to his home on Eighth Street in 1915 when he discovered parts of a skeleton. The bones were collected and moved to Lawn Ridge. In 2021 a home owner on Seventh Street was doing some excavation when he discovered part of a skull and some rib bones. The bones were returned to the ground and reburied. All of the activity wasn't below ground. A house was moved in 1900 to 703 Eighth St. from the corner of Seventh Street and 4th Avenue. The house was moved to make room for the new library. The last house built on cemetery land was the Delbert and Cora Comstock home, moved from Seventh Avenue and Lincoln Highway to 630 Seventh St. Eileen Swingley was mowing her mother-in-

law's yard at 710 N. Third St. when she struck a stone. As Eileen dug at the stone to remove it she discovered that the stone was a 1868 tombstone. The stone had served as a marker for the graves of five-year old Ettie Smith and her sister, one-year old Jennie Smith. The girls passed on Sept. 3, 1868 and Sept. 6, 1868 and were buried in a small cemetery that was located at that location. Truth be known there were several cemeteries spread across the area that is now Rochelle. Early settlers to the area would buy 40 or more acres to develop. Family members would pass and the family would bury them on the property. Families would move on and their loved ones would remain. How many souls were buried and forgotten? We may never know. Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

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# COMMUNITY



## Deputy White, K9 Gator are new team at Ogle Sheriff's Office

The Ogle County Sheriff's Office recently introduced its newest K9 team in a Facebook post: Deputy Kyle White and K9 Gator. Deputy White has prior experience with being part of a K9 team in the military. On Oct. 16, the Sheriff's Office's K9 Gun Raffle drawing took place. The winners were Logan Wilde and Mark Spain.

## THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

**October 24** – (Tuesday) – Pork Chops, Roasted Potatoes, Peas  
**October 26** – (Thursday) – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn  
**October 31** – (Tuesday) – Happy Halloween!! - Chili, Hot Dogs, (Sauerkraut for hot dogs)

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Oct. 22</b> Allie Dolister	<b>Oct. 25</b> Bianca Herrera	<b>Oct. 30</b> Jack Powell
<b>Oct. 24</b> Brittany Brown	<b>Oct. 28</b> Stephanie Wiginton Bryce Weems	<b>Oct. 31</b> Angel Weyhrauch McKinley Moser

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



- 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
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- Oct. 16 - From the Heart, \$25
- Oct. 17 - City of Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 18 - Erica Walton, Moline, \$25
- Oct. 19 - Merry Mathis, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 20 - Emily Dysart, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 21 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Oct. 22 - Diane Cecil, Rochelle, \$50



# Coffee Break

## MAGIC MAZE

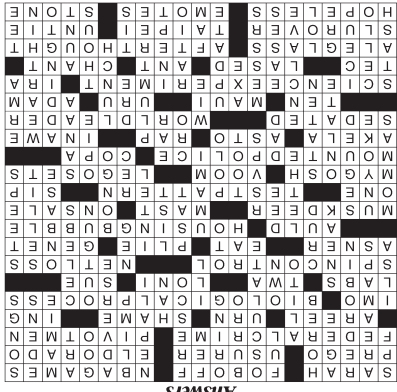
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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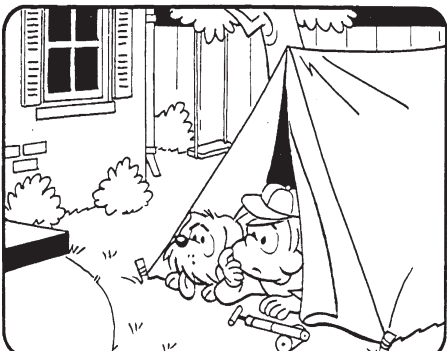
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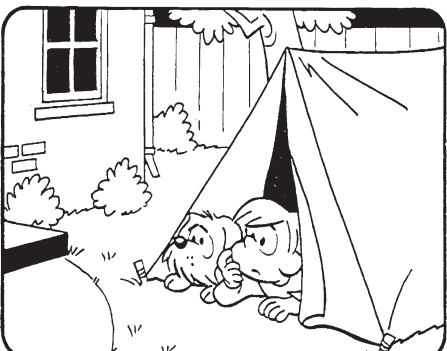


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirts are missing. 2. Swing is missing. 3. Dog's tongue is missing. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Bug spray is missing. 6. Flip is smaller.

## Super Crossword

## FOLLOWING CONCEPTION

### ACROSS

- 1 Vocalist Vaughan  
6 Falsely present as genuine  
12 Wizards-Magic matchups, e.g.  
20 Brand of spaghetti sauce  
21 Illicit moneylender  
22 Legendary lost city of gold  
23 Carjacking or kidnapping  
25 Guys playing in central positions in team sports  
26 Whirling, old-style  
27 Vase variety  
28 Disgrace  
30 Major Dutch banking corp.  
31 "I believe," on the internet  
32 Metabolism or reproduction  
37 Places for petri dishes  
39 Old Delta rival  
40 Actress Anderson  
41 Haul to court

### DOWN

- 42 Attempt to give a bias to news coverage  
46 Bottom-line deficit  
50 Ed of "Up"  
51 With 98-Down, have a meal around noon  
55 Playwright Jean  
56 Burns' "— Lang Syne"  
59 Market condition that eventually "bursts"  
62 Mammal with secretions used in perfumery  
66 Vessel spar  
67 Marked down  
68 Billfold bill  
69 Geometric design used to calibrate a video display  
73 Imbibe slowly  
74 "Sakes alive!"  
77 "Va-va- —!"  
78 Boxes of toy building blocks  
81 They patrol on horseback  
85 Historic NYC club, with "the"  
86 Wolf in "The Jungle Book"

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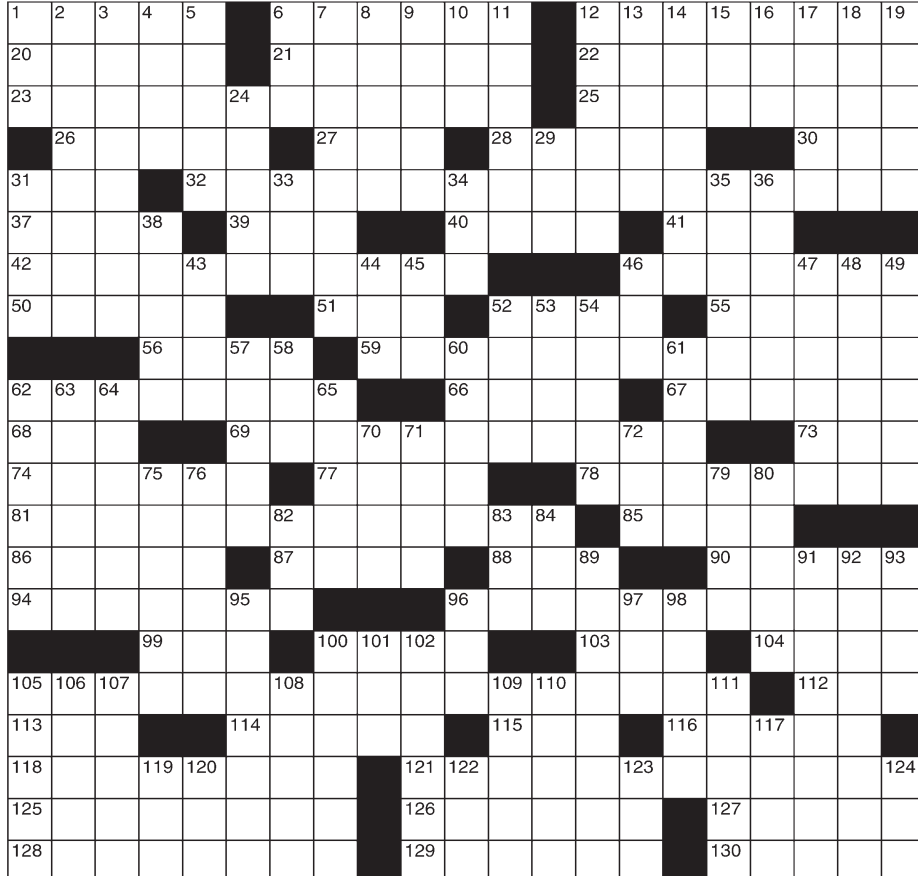
- 1 Tanning lotion stat  
2 Aids for walking tours  
3 Scarlet tanager  
4 Old film critic James  
5 Biblical peak identified with Sinai  
6 Ending for eye or mouth  
7 Fancy word for "kiss"  
8 Little donkey  
9 Round rubber gasket  
10 Masc. opposite  
11 Plaster painting  
12 Kathmandu native  
13 Zeppelin, e.g.  
14 Not favorable  
15 Gunky stuff  
16 Still lifes, e.g.  
17 Ike's first lady  
18 Utopias  
19 Jukebox selections  
24 Supreme Court's Samuel  
29 Solo of "Solo"  
31 "Casablanca" heroine  
33 Embrace fully  
34 Not healthy  
35 Surpass in firepower  
36 Tabloid VIPs

### ACROSS

- 38 Move furtively  
43 Gunky stuff  
44 Cry of cheer  
45 Siouan tribe  
46 Pos. opposite  
47 Safe, in hardball  
48 Give a convincing argument  
49 Brews, as tea  
52 Pre-coll. exam  
53 Itemize, e.g.  
54 Recon data  
57 River of forgetfulness  
58 Subpar grade  
60 Savory taste of MSG  
61 A beatnik may beat it  
62 Partners of poppas  
63 Disjoin, as a pair of oxen  
64 Transitioned smoothly  
65 Answers an invite  
70 Honk  
71 Casual shirt  
72 Fun activities, for short  
75 Airing past midnight, say  
76 — Island (Big Apple borough)  
79 Mayberry boy

### DOWN

- 80 Yemeni capital  
82 Poppa  
83 — -Magnon  
84 Unit of corn  
89 Source of a purple fruit  
91 Augmenting  
92 Start to get tiresome  
93 Witty  
94 Bombeck  
95 Nation within a nation  
96 Golfer Michelle  
97 Hip-hop "Dr."  
98 See  
100 Mmes.' counterparts  
101 Wood cutter  
102 Software revision, e.g.  
105 Pack away  
106 Violin cousin  
107 Get frosty  
108 Facilitates  
109 Proportion  
110 Lacking skill  
111 Thees and —  
117 Em, to Dorothy  
119 Hurdle for some college srs.  
120 "2 funny!!!"  
122 Relatives, casually  
123 "— a pity!"  
124 Casual shirt





# LOCAL NEWS



Tim Benedict, owner of Orion Organics, educated visitors on the varieties of garlic he grows and honey he makes. Visitors were able to see the 100 percent grass-fed animals at Dietrich Ranch.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

## Successful Ogle County Farm Stroll was hosted by U of I Extension

**OREGON** – The 2023 Ogle County Farm Stroll took place on Sunday, Oct. 15, with six farms opening their doors to the public. Despite the cooler temperatures, the weather cooperated, allowing the

farms to show off what makes them unique and what they offer the community. It was a perfect day for a stroll around the countryside of Ogle County. Since COVID-19, this is the first time that the University of

Illinois Extension serving Ogle County has hosted the event. There were over 130 people in attendance, learning all things from food to table. The farms had educational components, tours, demonstrations, and

samples. University of Illinois Extension in Ogle County would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Farm Stroll a success. From publicity to farmers, we could not have done it without you. This

event was enjoyable, and we can't wait to host it again next year. We appreciate your feedback on how to make this event bigger and better the next time. If you are a farmer who would like to participate in the

event next year, please call the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. Please watch our website for upcoming small farm and local-food related topics at <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>.

## COUNTY: West fiber project complete

From page 1

An intergovernmental agreement was also approved recently for improvements to the Flagg Road and 20th Street intersection in Rochelle.

"In the past, there's been talk about the east side and west side of the river," Bearrows said. "Ladies and gentlemen, we are all Ogle County. If we're not in this for the good of the entire county, then we're in the wrong position. I'm here to tell you that the City of Rochelle is here to work with Ogle County."

The fire training facility in Rochelle will be available to be utilized by organizations in the county for training, Bearrows said.

"Many times we've called it a fire training facility," Bearrows said. "It's going to start out that way, but it will be for police officers, SWAT teams, K9 units, the county and the city and it's going to be open as a regional training facility. We want to provide all of the tools

possible for all of our folks in the health and safety departments to make sure they get home at night."

### Lake Mistake

The board unanimously approved a preliminary engineering agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for \$60,843 for the Lake Mistake drain hydraulic study.

Board Member Lyle Hopkins said "Lake Mistake" is near Pines Road in southwest Oregon. The project will be done jointly between the county and the City of Oregon to study the flooding. Hydraulic modeling will be used to assess future mitigation projects as well as sizing and replacement of culverts beneath Pines Road. The study will be primarily funded through a grant from FEMA.

Chastain & Associates will assist with public outreach, topographical surveys, cultural & environmental reviews, hydraulic modeling & report preparation and an IDNR/OWR review.

### Fiber

Nordman said the county's west fiber project has been completed. Two years ago, the county allocated ARPA funds to do the project from Oregon to Mt. Morris and then up Illinois Route 64 to Forreston and Polo.

"As of last week, that has been accomplished," Nordman said. "We accomplished 31 miles. We appropriated \$1.2 million for the project and it's come in under cost. The savings will go back into the next fiber project. It's part of building our broadband infrastructure. We just need to keep going and eventually we'll have everyone served in Ogle County. Thank you all for the support."

### BEST

A presentation was made at the meeting by Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) Executive Director Carrie Folken during the meeting. BEST serves Ogle County residents and administers the federal Workforce In-

novation Opportunity Act.

Folken talked about success stories of Ogle County residents that have been helped by BEST.

"Each opportunity is as unique as the individuals we serve," Folken said. "We come up with a career plan and try to fit it to the services that those individuals need."

### ARPA

The county board unanimously approved the use of \$1,196 in federal ARPA funds for the training of county zoning department employees by Teska & Associates.

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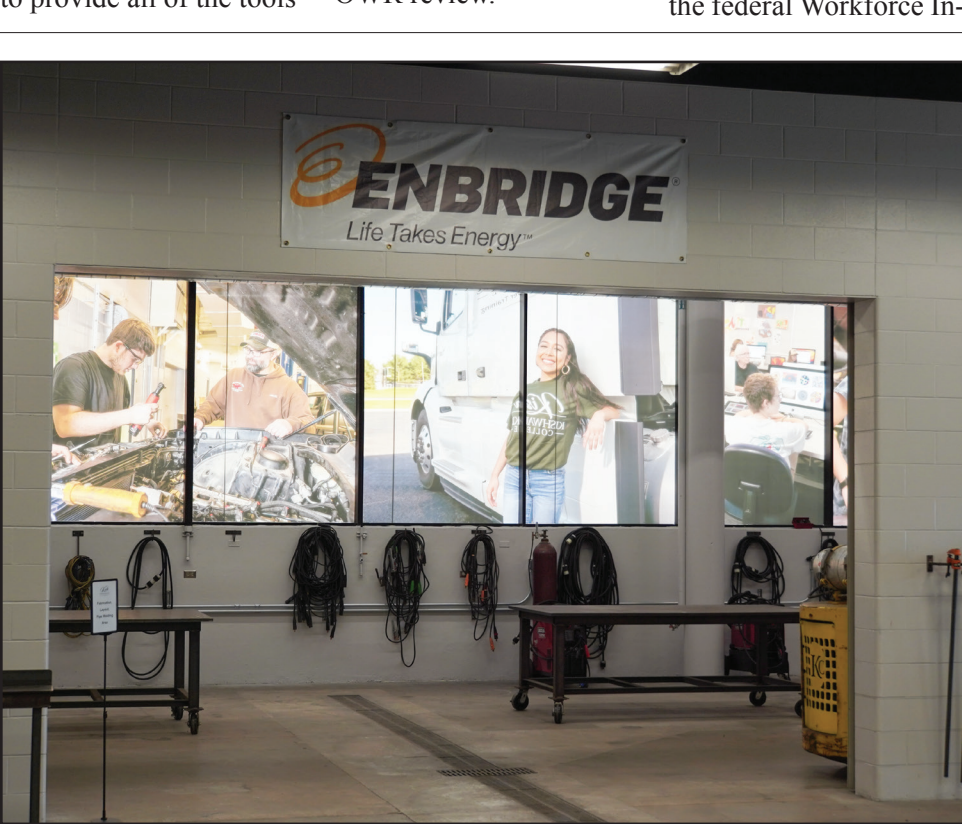
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Welding is one of Kish's career & technical education program offerings. Board President Bob Johnson said the new welding lab project took "quite a while" due to the COVID-19 pandemic and supply chain problems. The new lab is four times larger than the previous lab.

## KISH: Open house celebration held for new welding facility

From page 1

Since then, the college and the company have had a relationship that has allowed Kish students to use the same equipment that master welders in the field use, Smith said. Over

the past several years, Enbridge has provided over \$40,000 in scholarships for Kish students.

James spoke from a student's perspective on the lab upgrade. He thanked the administration, his instructors and those that

helped the lab come to be.

"It's a very expensive profession," James said. "I know a lot of other departments make sacrifices to make sure we have what we need to practice. I don't think that should go unnoticed."

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# SPORTS



**GOLFERS EARN AWARDS**  
The RTHS golf team held its season ending awards banquet on Monday.  
**See page 4 for more details**

**RTHS Volleyball**



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
The Rochelle Lady Hub volleyball team celebrated Senior Night with a three-set win over Morris on Tuesday. Junior setter Ali Ohlinger (right) also eclipsed 1,000 career assists in the victory. Above from left to right are seniors Kendell Frankenberry, Makenzie Liezert, Kennedy Adamski and Alivia Henkel.

## Seniors shine in home finale

### Ohlinger eclipses 1,000 career assists as Rochelle defeats Morris in three sets

**BY RUSSELL HODGES**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team had a lot to celebrate on Tuesday

evening, when the purple and white hosted Morris for their final home match of the fall season.

With Senior Night setting the stage for a crucial Interstate 8 Conference

contest, the Lady Hubs overcame a slow start to the match, bouncing back from a first-set loss and dominating both the second and third sets. Playing aggressively on the front line

and from the service line, Rochelle scored a 23-25, 25-10, 25-19 win over the Redskins, who beat the Lady Hubs earlier this fall.

The Senior Night match also saw a historic achievement on the Rochelle side,

as junior setter Ali Ohlinger recorded a team-high 31 assists to eclipse the 1,000-assist mark for her career. The Lady Hubs (16-15, 2-7 Interstate 8) honored four

seniors including Kendell Frankenberry, Mackenzie Liezert, Kennedy Adamski and Alivia Henkel during a pregame ceremony.

**See VBALL page 7**

**RTHS Girls Tennis**

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)



**Lady Hubs honor senior class during pregame ceremony Tuesday evening**  
The Rochelle Lady Hub tennis team honored its seven seniors before Tuesday's varsity volleyball match against Morris. The Lady Hubs finished fifth in the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional and went 6-9 overall this season. Pictured above from left to right are Allie Dickey, Macenzie Glosser, Annaleigh McKinney, Jessica Nguyen, Elin Zheng and Kara Martinez. Not pictured is Adamaris Betancourt.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



**Elyse Manning**  
*Year: Freshman*  
*Sport: Volleyball*

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

*A: Three years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: I love the relationships I build with people and there are always new chances to grow.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English because I love my teacher and how relaxing the class is.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Simone Biles because she's determined.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My mom because she's always doing everything she can for anyone and she's my biggest fan.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: Something in the medical field because I love helping people.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Hawaii because I love the ocean and warm weather.*

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

*A: I love all of the relationships and the support we receive from the coaches.*

**Aeriss**

**Williams**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Volleyball*



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

*A: Three years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: The intensity, the teamwork and knowing what's on everyone's mind.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English because it's a lot of fun and I love writing. My teachers are also amazing.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: Michael Jordan because he had a fire for the sport of basketball and he always worked hard.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

*A: My mother because she*

*inspires me every day to work hard and to never give up on what I want to do.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To work in interior design because I like to design things in my room and I love to make things.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Athens, Greece because I've always loved the culture and the historical places there.*

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

*A: How accepting and kind the coaches are.*

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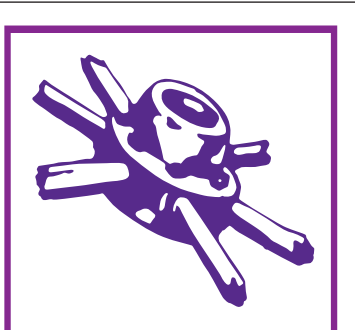
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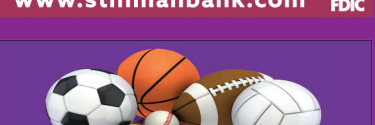
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# SPORTS

## RTHS Football

(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)



### Freshman Hubs conclude 2023 season with 38-6 victory over Freeport on Monday evening

The Rochelle Hub freshman football team concluded its 2023 season with a 38-6 win over Freeport on Monday evening. The freshmen finished with a 3-1 record this season, scoring wins over Belvidere, Sycamore and Freeport while falling to Belvidere North. Brody Bruns rushed for a 12-yard touchdown and a 1-yard touchdown while catching a 35-yard touchdown pass from Connor Lewis. Joshua Lassiter rushed for a 16-yard touchdown and Aaron Hernandez recovered a fumble for the Rochelle defense. John Chadwick and Tyler Gensler each finished with six tackles. Above at left, German Albertson reaches for a loose ball. Above at right, Cooper Holmgren and Joshua Lassiter combine for a tackle. Below at left, Bobby Tourdot evades a defender. Below at right, Keegan Cathina runs around a tackle attempt.

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# SPORTS

RTHS Golf

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## Rochelle Township High School student-athletes earn RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards

The Rochelle Township High School golf team celebrated its season with an awards banquet Monday evening. Several Hub and Lady Hub student-athletes earned RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference honors during the event. Ian Metzger was named an All-Conference winner and Alex Dyer took home an All-Conference Honorable Mention (below left). Elise Horner received the Girls Most Valuable Player award, while Owen Messer earned the Boys Most Improved Player award and Ian Metzger was named the Boys Most Valuable Player award winner (below right). Seven RTHS student-athletes including Haley Bozinovich, Elise Horner, Parker Lenkaitis, Ian Metzger, Chris Hickey, Cale Workman and Jacob Ost took home Academic All-Conference recognition (above from left to right).

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Volleyball

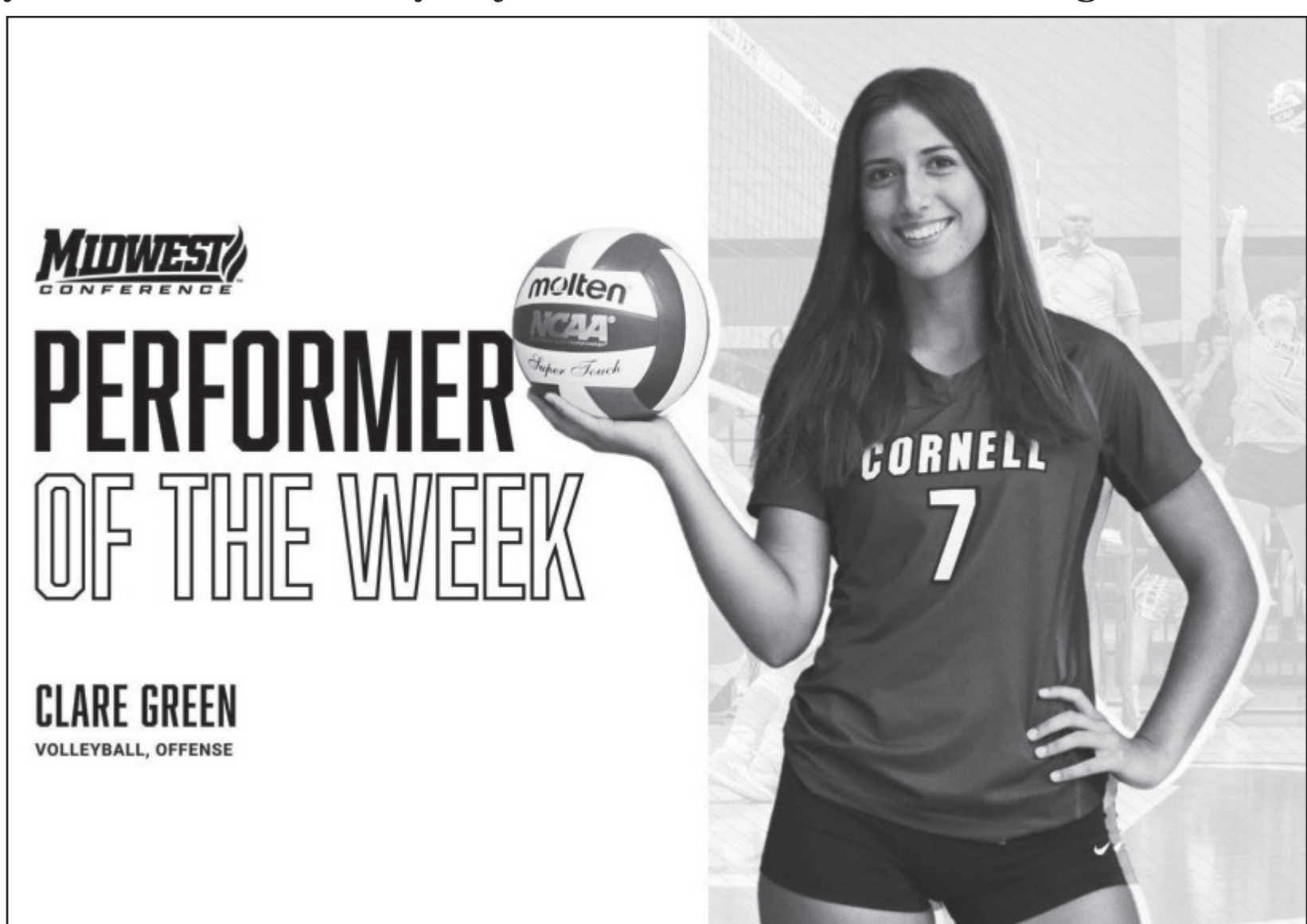
### RTHS alum Green earns MWC Player of the Week honors

Former Lady Hub setter currently in junior season at Cornell College in Iowa

**MOUNT VERNON, Iowa** — Cornell College junior setter and Rochelle Township High School alum Clare Green has been selected Midwest Conference Volleyball Offensive Performer of the Week for the period of Oct. 2-8. Green is the fourth Cornell volleyball player to earn MWC weekly accolades this season.

Green helped lead the No. 25 nationally-ranked Rams to a perfect 2-0 week, which included 3-0 sweepover NCAA-votes getter Coe and MWC foe Ripon. Cornell improved to 11-6 overall, 1-0 in the MWC. The three-year starter averaged 11.3 assists per set and hit .417 with five kills on 12 attack attempts. Green went 26-for-26 from the service line with three aces.

Green ranks 18th among all active NCAA Division III players in career assists with 2,661, fifth-most on the program's all-time list. The Rams play host to Monmouth (8-10 overall, 2-1 MWC) at 7 p.m. Friday inside the Small Athletic and Wellness Center.



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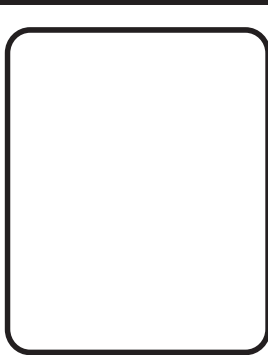
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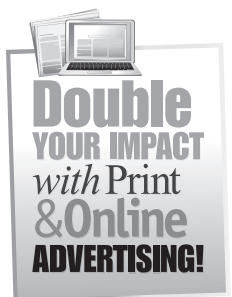
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# SPORTS

## VBALL: Rochelle celebrates Senior Night with win over Morris

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"I owe it to all of my teammates," Ohlinger said. "I can't get my assists without my hitters and I can't set the ball if my passes aren't there. I'm very grateful for my teammates and all of the hard work we've done this season that allowed me to be able to accomplish that goal."

Morris appeared to be in control early on, taking a 14-9 lead in the first set after a lengthy rally that featured several blocked shots on both sides of the court. The Redskins took advantage of service and receiving errors late in the set, surging ahead 20-13 and forcing a Rochelle timeout.

The Lady Hubs began to gather steam near the end

of the first set, where senior Alivia Henkel sparked a 6-1 run with a series of strong serves to put pressure on the Morris defense. Rochelle took over control of the match early in the second set, scoring seven straight points as the team capitalized on multiple receiving errors by the Redskins. A sequence of kills from junior Lauren Dyer, who had eight kills in the match, enabled the Lady Hubs to maintain a 13-7 advantage.

"We played Morris before and we knew what their weaknesses were," Ohlinger said. "We knew who to serve the ball to and we served aggressively. I thought we passed the ball really well off our serve receive and that allowed us to put the ball away. I also thought we stayed confi-

dent in our swings, even though we were down in the first set. We really just played our game."

Rochelle forced the first Morris timeout of the match with a 17-8 lead midway through the second set. Junior libero Dempsey Atkinson helped seal the second-set win for the Lady Hubs, notching back-to-back service aces. Rochelle remained hot from behind the service line early in the third set, where Atkinson and Ohlinger each recorded aces to give the team a 5-2 lead. A flurry of kills from Henkel, who had five kills and 17 digs on Tuesday, put Rochelle ahead 12-6.

"We were a little nervous coming out because of Senior Night and we had a lot of emotions, but I thought we were able to

calm down and play our game," Ohlinger said. "We served the ball aggressively in the second set and I thought that was why we put the ball away so much better."

Seniors Kennedy Adamski and Kendell Frankenberry made key plays midway through the third set, with Adamski recording big-time kills from the middle spot and Frankenberry igniting a brief rally from the service line that allowed Rochelle to hold a 20-13 lead. The Lady Hubs clinched the match with a booming kill from junior Taelynn Rodeghero, who recorded a double-double with 14 kills and 12 digs in the win. Atkinson led the Rochelle defense with 18 digs on Tuesday.

"We know now that we can beat them and

we know that the only thing that can beat us is ourselves," Ohlinger said. "We have a really good shot at winning our first regional match and making it to the regional finals. I'm excited for the regional."

Rochelle will travel for its Interstate 8 finale at Ottawa on Thursday before facing Morris for the third time this season during the IHSA 3A LaSalle-Peru Regional Semifinals, which begin next Tuesday with the sixth-seeded Lady Hubs battling the fourth-seeded Redskins at 7 p.m.

### Ottawa

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team concluded the regular season with an Interstate 8 Conference road match against Ottawa on Thurs-

day. Junior Ali Ohlinger dished out 24 assists, while junior Dempsey Atkinson totaled 13 digs as the Lady Hubs outlasted the Pirates for a 17-25, 25-23, 25-18 victory.

Senior Alivia Henkel added 10 digs for the Lady Hubs (17-15, 3-7 Interstate 8), while Ohlinger led the front line with three blocks. Rochelle recorded 11 service aces in the win, with Ohlinger and junior Emma Kennay each scoring three service aces while both Atkinson and junior Taelynn Rodeghero notched two service aces.

Kennay, Rodeghero and Ohlinger each finished with four digs in the win on Thursday. Rochelle will face Morris in the IHSA 3A LaSalle-Peru Regional Semifinals on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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