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Patterson in second contract with U.S. Navy

Second-generation service member: 'We're a military family'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

GULFPORT, Miss. — As Veterans Day approaches, Rochelle native and Rochelle Township High School Class of 2016 graduate Alex Patterson is currently on his second contract with the United States Navy after joining out of high school.

Patterson's first contract with the Navy saw him stationed on the USS Carl Vinson out of San Diego, which had him on three deployments in eight different countries. He is now stationed at the Navy Seabees Command in Gulfport, Mississippi and works as a logistics analyst, ordering and tracking materials throughout the world. He's in his seventh year with the Navy and his current contract will take him to nine years.

Patterson comes from a military family. His father, Malcolm, was in the Army as a helicopter pilot for 22 years, including in Iraq from 2006-2008. His great grandfather was a mid-air refueler for the Air Force.

"My dad always told me to join either the Navy or the Air Force because of the quality of life of those



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branches," Patterson said. "He said he'd be supportive if I wanted to make it my career. It's a stable job. You just take it day by day. It's like any other job with good days and bad days. I love wearing the uniform every day. I wear it with pride and I'm proud of where I am in life and who I do life with. I love the military and supporting the military and I'm very appreciative

of what it's done for me and the opportunities I've been given."

Patterson said he's considering serving in the military for 20 years. He's currently attending school online for supply chain management and is looking at getting that degree and staying enlisted and moving to the officer side as a supply officer.

While he doesn't fly for the military, Patterson

has a love of flying that was instilled in him by his father and recently obtained his pilot's license in the civilian world. He's also considering utilizing that skill in the military for the Navy or another military branch as a fixed or rotary-wing pilot.

"I've been around aviation my entire life," Patterson said.

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Caron Road, Route 38 intersection discussed

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

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City of Rochelle Engineer Sam Tesreau said Oct. 18 that there has been recent communication between his office and the Illinois Department of Transportation, which maintains Illinois Route 38, about what improvements could be made at the Rochelle intersection.

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Accident at 38 and Calvin Road

A two-vehicle accident took place at Route 38 and Calvin Road on Monday afternoon. **Page 5**

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Sargent Art is a leading United States manufacturer and importer of fine quality art materials for education, fine art, and crafts. Sargent Art took its name after the famous American artist "John Singer Sargent". For over 100 years Sargent Art has been the trusted brand for schools and artists around the world as products are distributed globally. They have been an established member of the Art and Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) since 1936. Sargent Art is in Hazleton, Pennsylvania near the famous "Pocono's Mountain Region". They became a division of Pidilite USA in 2006, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pidilite Industries Limited, India (a listed company with the Mumbai stock Exchange).

Sargent Art will be closing at the end of the year, so they developed a donation opportunity for school districts to participate in to give back to the schools that have supported them over the years. Since there was a limited amount of



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Pictured left to right: Mrs. Beth Mock and Mrs. Andrea DeKing (Rochelle Township High School art department), Mrs. Amy Henkel (OCEC associate director of special education), Alivia Henkel (RTHS AP art student), Mrs. Janda Henkel (Sargent Art director of marketing and sales)

product available to be distributed, this program was implemented through word of mouth. Initially, districts were being contacted randomly, but that wasn't very successful as some districts perceived the gesture as too good to be true and discarded

it as a scam. Since that time, a coordinated effort to make connections with the school districts and distribute the supplies was enacted through collaborative efforts. All the products allocated for the donation have been finalized and will be shipped by

the end of October.

Local school districts in Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties accepting donations include: Ogle County Education Cooperative, Rochelle Township High School, Oregon Community School District #220, Amboy Community Unit

#272, Polo Community School District #222, Creston Consolidated District #161, Dixon Public Schools #170, Sterling, Rock Falls Elementary and Faith Christian School.

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LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Rochelle officials discuss Caron Road-Route 38 intersection

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Illinois Route 38 is the primary leg of the intersection, which would put the onus of any improvements on IDOT. Tesreau said the recent fatality was the only one at the intersection he's aware of in the past five years and IDOT has reviewed crash data on the intersection to determine if any changes need to be made. Tesreau doesn't believe that major changes to the intersection are in the cards.

"There's not going to be geometric changes out there to the roadway," Tesreau said. "And primarily IDOT has control over that. Any improvement that would be done would have to go through them for approval. We're kind of battling those things around right now, but in terms of big expensive changes and things like that,

I don't see that happening. Because the current signals that are out there today are applicable for the traffic, and there's roughly 17,000 vehicles a day on Illinois Route 38 and the signage that's currently out there today meets all the MUTCD standards. There are designated crosswalks for pedestrians. There are pedestrian push button systems in place to allow them adequate time to cross that highway. I don't see any changes happening there. But there's more to come as we have conversations with IDOT. We're also looking at funding mechanisms should we come to some conclusion about maybe some different types of measures that might improve the system."

Tesreau said one potential improvement at the intersection could be a yellow flashing arrow system, which still requires yielding

to oncoming traffic. Adding designated left-hand turn green arrows to the parts of the intersection currently without them would require geometric changes, which likely could not happen due to space constraints in the intersection.

Distracted driving could be more of a cause of accidents than the intersection itself, Tesreau said.

"There is a sign up on each direction north and south that says yield to oncoming traffic on green," Tesreau said. "And that's a regulatory signage that everyone should be obeying. However there's a lot of distracted driving going on and I think that's primarily what we're seeing here. Yeah, it's a busy intersection as our first responders have indicated, but when you introduce that distracted driving into it. There's



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reports on IDOT's website and the Federal Highway Administration's website with statistics about that, and that's what we're seeing here today."

Rochelle Fire Department Chief Dave Sawlsville said Illinois Route 38 and Caron Road is one of the intersections RFD responds to most, due to how busy it is and the mixed-use it has with residential, retail, commercial truck, foot and bicycle traffic.

"It's very congested," Sawlsville said. "So when you pack that many people into one intersection, things are going to happen. I don't think that it's an inherently dangerous intersection. It's just a very busy intersection with multi-use. I would say people need to use extra caution when they're going through there. But as far as the physical layout and everything, I don't think

it's an inherently dangerous intersection. I think if you move that traffic anywhere else in town, you'd have the same issues."

Pavia said that accidents can make the intersection seem dangerous, but periodic incidents with 17,000 cars a day on Illinois Route 38 makes for "a very small percentage" of events.

Sawlsville agreed with Tesreau that more distracted driving in recent years could be a cause of more accidents at the intersection, not just more cars and development in the area.

"You can't take out the distracted driving element," Sawlsville said. "I think as we're looking for trends, I don't think Walmart coming into the area would be the trend. I think the trend is people aren't paying attention as much. You have a high-traffic intersection where you need to pay extra

attention, and people are paying less attention. You can't take that factor out of the equation."

When Walmart built its current store in the area, improvements were made to the intersection including upgrades to the signals and pedestrian crosswalks, including push-button pedestrian systems.

"I think the walkability there works," Tesreau said. "Are there certain things that we'd like to improve on with pedestrian access at some point in the future? Yes. But we do have sidewalks on both sides of Illinois Route 38 into that intersection. There's a sidewalk on the south side headed to the east and there's a shared-use path as well that heads to the east out of that intersection. So there's plenty of pedestrian access routes that they can use. Those are typical of any intersection."



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Flagg Township Museum Veterans Day event is Nov. 12

ROCHELLE – Celebrate Veterans Day at the Flagg Township Museum on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 1-3:30 p.m.

Aspecial program—*Big Guns to Hand Guns*—will be presented starting at

1 p.m. with a Big Gun, a 37-mm mobile gun from the collection at Roberts Armory at the museum. Weather permitting the Big Gun will be on display outside the museum. In addition, Chuck and

Lydia Roberts will present a World War II program about the gear and guns of the war while wearing official field uniforms of the war. Matt Gerard of Down Range LLC, a professional training and consulting company in Rochelle, will also be at the museum with a program about today's gun laws—hand guns, home safety and high-quality training. Light refreshments will be available.

Always available at the museum are comprehensive lists compiled by Lydia Roberts of veterans buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery and Trinity Memory Gardens. Veterans and families of veterans are encouraged to attend to share their stories. Biographical forms and suggested questions used by the Veterans History Project are available for sharing memories.

The mission of the Flagg Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flagg Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.



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LOCAL NEWS



Rochelle first responders donate Battle of the Badges proceeds

On Oct. 15, the Rochelle Fire and Police Departments squared off in a charity Battle of the Badges flag football game. RFD won the game 6-0 with a touchdown with about 40 seconds left in the game, which had about 30 sponsors and raised \$1,665. The fire department donated its half of the proceeds to the Community Action Network. RPD made its donation to The Kitchen Table. The departments plan to host the game again next year and donate to different charities in the community each year.

ART: Local schools receive supplies

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Mrs. Amy Henkel, OCEC associate director, reports that Ogle County Education Cooperative in cooperation with Pine Rock Township stored supplies until program students could assist in sorting and delivering the substantial donation of art supplies to teachers and students, as part of their service learning initiative. Students also participated in efforts to give back to others and service learning by offering some supplies to the Village of Progress, Kings School and Hope of Rochelle. Staff and students at Chana Educa-

tion Center and the PLUS Life Skills programs will benefit. Both programs incorporate art lessons and projects into their instruction, ranging from crafting to neurographic art designs. OCEC is pleased to see supplies being directly put into the hands of teachers and students.

Mrs. Beth Mock and Ms. Andrea DeKing, art teachers at RTHS, indicate they will use the majority of supplies to supplement and enrich students' art experience in our classroom and include them in our curriculum for years to come. This will provide the opportunity to explore media students may not

have been able to and open possibilities that they might not have had. They plan to spread their good fortune. For those supplies that don't fit in with the art curriculum, they will offer those to clubs and teachers at the high school and then to D231 if any are left over. It is truly exciting that there will be an infusion of art all across school buildings.

Ogle County Education Cooperative and RTHS wish to sincerely thank Sargent Art, led by Mrs. Janda Henkel, for their generosity. Staff and students look forward to the many pieces and expressions of artwork to come from this opportunity.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 28 at 2:05 a.m. Dennis H. Thompson, 71, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence and cited for no lights when required. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 17 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 29 at 1:07 p.m. Jacob F. Luther, 31, of Rochelle was arrested

on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$376 and was released.

On Oct. 30 at 2:05 p.m. Joan S. McKnight, 88, of Rochelle was cited for failure to yield turning left. She signed a notice to appear and was given a Nov. 17 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



OBITUARIES

Ismael Rivera Guevara

ROCHELLE — Ismael Rivera Guevara, 64 of Rochelle, IL passed away suddenly on October 26, 2023. He was born on April 28th 1959 in Humacao, Puerto Rico. Son of Francisco Rivera and Isabel Guevara.

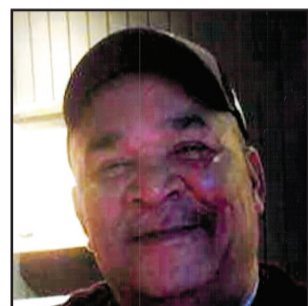
Ismael also known as Smiley had a very sociable and uplifting spirit that would make anyone smile and laugh when they spent time together. He always had cheesy jokes to make people around him laugh. He was a hardworking man that even after early retirement, he still worked part time at Del Monte Foods. He loved spending time with his family and his children, playing outdoor games. He enjoyed comhole, horseshoes and giant Jenga.

He also enjoyed playing Guesstures, Loteria and other board games. He enjoyed attending family functions and making lasting memories with everyone, by making them laugh

and getting everyone to talk and get everyone involved even when they may not want to play the game. Not only was he outgoing with his family but also with his friends and anyone he got to know. He loved to dance and listen to music until his heart was content.

He was a great and loving father that was survived by his children, Ismael Rivera Jr., Estrellita Rivera, Manuel Francisco Rivera (Rochelle), Mathew and granddaughter Karima Michelle Rivera. Siblings, Elba Rivera Guevara (sister), Heriberto Rivera (brother), David Rivera (brother), Edwin Rivera from Humacao (brother), Puerto Rico. Angel (aka Yuyo Rap) Luis Rivera (brother) from Florida, Luis (aka Papo) Manuel Rivera of Dekalb, IL. Hermana de corazón, Wilma J. Cordero.

He is preceded in death by his parents and also his life partner Irma Estella Losoya, they will be dance together again. One sister



Medelicia Rivera and his two brothers Anibal Rivera and Francisco Rivera of Humacao, Puerto Rico.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 704 N. 6th St. Rochelle, IL 61068. A visitation will also be held on Friday, November 3, 2023 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home with a service at 5:00 P.M. on Friday.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com Flowers are appreciated by the family.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2023 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Kishwaukee College.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or Jill Hansen, Chief Financial Officer, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150, 815-825-2086, extension 9324 or 9517.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2022 were \$12,905,800. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$14,147,714. This represents a 9.6% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$4,633,431. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2023 are \$4,689,401. This represents a 1.2% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2022 were \$17,539,231. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$18,837,115. This represents a 7.4% increase from the previous year.

Kathleen Spears
Secretary

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Lyle A. Worthington

LITTLE YORK, Ill. — Lyle A. Worthington, 78, of Little York, IL, passed away Wednesday morning, October 25, 2023 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

Lyle was the last of 13 children born to John A. and Mable M. (Cross) Worthington on July 29, 1945, in Avon, IL. He was educated in Bushnell-Prairie City Schools, graduating in 1963. Lyle believed education was important and assured that his family was supported and encouraged throughout their educational and career paths.

Lyle married Kathleen A. Ewing, his childhood sweetheart, on June 21, 1964.

Lyle farmed 1200 acres for 60 years near Little York and served as a mentor to many young farmers in the area. He also was a tax preparer at Rose Reynolds Agency, welder, seed salesman for Funk's G Hybrid, and commodities broker. He also served on the Yorkwood School Board for 14 years. He was a church elder, Sunday school teacher, and volunteer firefighter with the

Little York Fire Department. Lyle had a heart for children and dedicated his time in volunteer work as a coach and youth group leader. His work in these areas inspired his children to pursue careers in education and working with children.

Lyle trusted Christ as his personal savior in 1975 and that decision impacted every day from that point forward. He was a prayer warrior who shared his faith through his actions and words until his final day.

He enjoyed woodworking, refinishing furniture, gardening. He was a lifelong learner and a creative problem-solver with an insatiable curiosity.

Lyle is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kathleen Worthington of Little York; his three children, Brian (Nicole) Worthington, Kelly (Steven Edson) Worthington, and Victor (Melody) Worthington all of Rochelle, IL; 6 grandchildren, Ben, Joe, Faith, Maddie, Wyatt, and Vivian; 2 sisters, Joyce Brewer of Galesburg, IL, Bernadine Bankes of TX; numerous nieces and neph-



ews; dearest friends, Jackie and Lisa.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 6 sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral services will be 9:30 am, Saturday, November 4, 2023 at McGuire & Davies Funeral Home and Crematory, Monmouth, IL. Interment will be at Gerlaw Cemetery, Gerlaw, IL. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 pm, Friday, November 3, 2023 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Faith Bible Church, Oquawka, Little Cedar Church, Little York or the Little York Fire Department and sent to the funeral home. For more information or to leave an online condolence and favorite memories of Lyle, please visit www.mcguire-anddavesfuneralhome.com

Frank H. Atchley

ROCHELLE — Frank H. Atchley, 87, passed away peacefully Friday, October 27, 2023 at Manor Court in Rochelle, Illinois. Frank was born on September 13, 1936 to Albert L. and Arlie M. (Ragan) Atchley in Black Rock, AR. He proudly served with the United States Navy. He was also a member of the Rochelle Jaycees, Rochelle Moose lodge, and Rochelle VFW. On June 27, 1959, he married Lillian Rose Leigh in Rochelle. She preceded him in death on June 19, 2023. They were faithful members of New Hope Fellowship in Rochelle.

After retirement, Frank and Lillian enjoyed being "Winter Texans" in Donna, Texas at the Lil Bit O'Heaven RV Resort for 18 years. There they met wonderful friends whom they enjoyed spending time with. In addition to Texas, they enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Florida, New York and many trips to Tennessee to spend a few weeks with their youngest daughter, Linda. They loved this special time with Linda and two grandsons, Michael and Justin. After their winter travels, they always looked forward to coming back home to be with their three other daughters and grandchildren.

They lived in their home in Rochelle for over 50 years enjoying many wonderful neighbors. Frank and Lillian were the kind of neighbors anyone would be blessed to live nearby. Very

special neighbors for years were Ralph & Terre who became like family. Their daughters will be forever grateful for the love they showed to their parents.

Frank and Lillian enjoyed camping, raising their daughters with many wonderful memories from local weekend trips to amazing camping vacations to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee. A wonderful family tradition was the famous wiener roasts in their backyard, nothing fancy just hot dogs and s'mores. Family time was always a priority in their lives, making sure they went to as many grandkids' activities as possible. Frank thoroughly enjoyed just being with his family. Often times he could not contain his excitement and the way he expressed his joy was very well known to the entire family, PAUSE and LOOK at family (daughters).

Frank is survived by his four daughters: Pam Baker, Lisa (Kevin) Chidley both of Rochelle, Judy (Dan) Piecha, of Delavan, WI and Linda Nave of Bristol, TN; 11 grandchildren: Doug (Megan) Baker, Leann (Andy) DeWitt, Rachel Huff, Matt (Josie) Mitchell, Sara (Josh Clark) Mitchell, Andrew (Danielle) Chidley, Kendra (Jeff Holden) Eglund, Brad (Jayme) Eglund, Shannon Piecha, Justin (Sarah) Nave and Michael Nave; 18 great grandchildren



with number 19 coming in May to Justin and Sarah Nave. One sister, Kay Snipes from Kennett Missouri and many nieces and nephews. They also had many friends in Illinois, Donna, TX and Elizabethton, TN. In addition to his parents and wife, Lillian, Frank was predeceased by one brother, Joseph Atchley and four sisters: Fanny Hollingsworth-Cates, Ethel Birmingham, Dixie Phillips, and Mary Reeves.

The visitation will be from 9:30 - 11:30 A.M., Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral will follow at 11:30 A.M., Saturday at the funeral home with Pastors Dan Sergeant and Nick Tornabene officiating. There will be a luncheon following the funeral at the VFW in Rochelle.

Cremation care will be provided after the funeral. Burial will be at a later date at the Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Frank's memory to Rochelle VFW or New Hope Fellowship.

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

Henry Barker Bell

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — Henry Barker Bell, 81, of Noblesville, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023 at his home. He was born on Sept. 30, 1942 to Robert Barker and Mary Jane (Krebs) Bell in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Henry attended Purdue University and Ball State University where he received his master's degree in education. He was an elementary teacher in Swayzee, Indiana, at Fall Creek Elementary for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, and College Wood, Orchard Park, and Woodbrook Elementary for Carmel Clay Schools. For many years, he was a boy scout leader in Fishers, Indiana, and achieved the Woodsman Badge. Henry continued his passion, through the years, as a watercolor painter and was a very talented artist. Henry was a member of the American Watercolor

Society, Watercolor Society of Indiana, Indiana Artist Club, a lifetime member of the Hamilton County Art Association, and member of the Hoosier Salon. He is represented in many corporate, public, and private collections. Henry also enjoyed fishing and traveling with his wife, Alice, on many adventures together to Pennsylvania, Sedona, AZ, and various other fishing trips.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alice Bell; siblings, Eva Bell-Miller, Robert David (Rebecca) Bell, Ralph Laird Bell, and Margret Edith (Don) Bell-Johnston; and sister-in-law, Lonna Alcock. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Wallace Richard Bell; and brother-in-law, William Alcock.

Services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 at Randall & Roberts



Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 4 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Lindenwood, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Watercolor Society of Indiana, 4181 E 96th St, Indianapolis, IN 46240, <https://watercolorsofindiana.org/> or Indiana Artist Club, PO Box 20688 Indianapolis, IN 46220, <https://indianaartists.org/> or to your favorite artist. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Jane Ann Byro

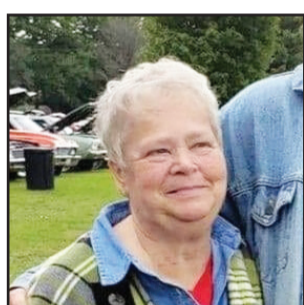
CRESTON — Jane Ann Byro, 76, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois. Jane was born on May 27, 1947 to Samuel and Mary (McMicken) Foose in Oswego, IL. On July 28, 1973, she married Thomas O. Byro in Oswego.

Jane is survived by her husband of 50 years,

Tom Byro of Creston; three daughters: Cara Tracey of Creston, IL, Lisa Ann (Lucas) Bourquin of Warren, IL and Amy (Chris) Shaw of Grafton, MA; nine grandchildren: Tyler Byro, Austin (Caroline) Tracey, Jack Tracey, Samuel Tracey, Jonathan (Katie) Tracey, Riley Bourquin, Calvin Bourquin, Xavier Shaw and Zander Shaw; two great grandchildren: Adelaide and Zane Tracey; and four siblings: John (Donna) Foose, Mary Lou Jackson, Margaret Baumgart and Catherine Chase.

In addition to her parents, Jane was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, John Jackson.

A memorial visitation celebrating Jane's life will be held from 2:00



- 4:00 P.M., Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The memorial service will follow at 4:00 P.M., Thursday at the funeral home with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. A memorial is to be established.

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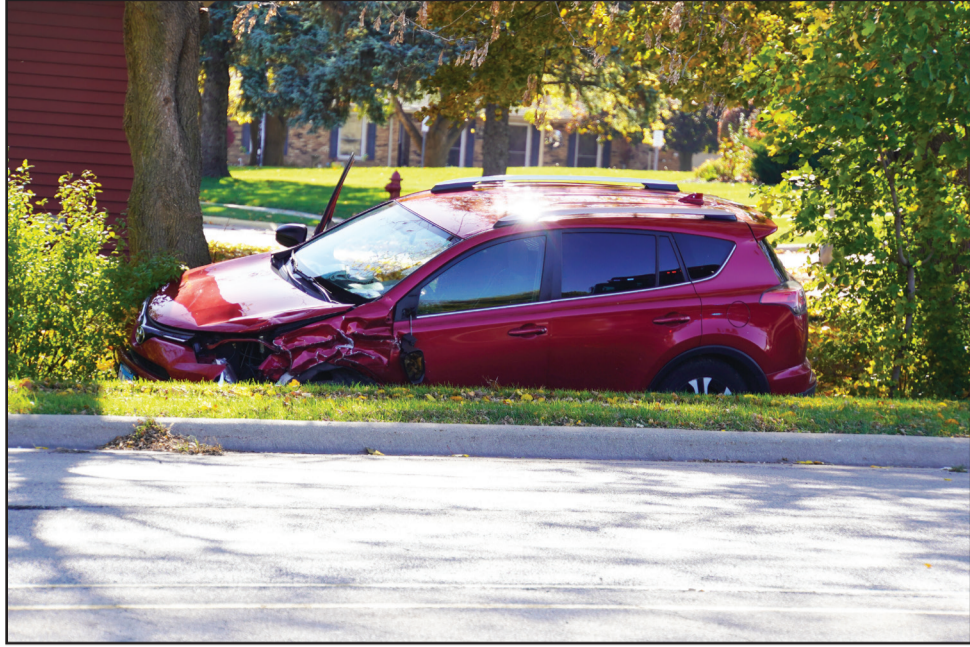
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LOCAL NEWS



Two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon on Illinois Route 38

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(COURTESY PHOTOS)

RTHS alum Alex Patterson's first contract with the Navy saw him stationed on the USS Carl Vinson out of San Diego, which had him on three deployments in eight different countries. He is now stationed at the Navy Seabees Command in Gulfport, Mississippi and works as a logistics analyst, ordering and tracking materials throughout the world. He's in his seventh year with the Navy and his current contract will take him to nine years.

PATTERSON: RTHS alum reflects on service with U.S. Navy

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"I knew growing up that I always wanted to fly. It never felt like the right time to do it. My dad always supported me. He knew that I was interested in aviation. I've loved flying and it's something I've always wanted to do. Last October I did my first flight and got my pilot's license in May of this year. I'm working towards the next license I need for my flying. For me, flying is like an escape from reality. When you're flying, the only thing that matters in that moment is what's going on in the airplane and around you. All of your life problems and stressors are stuck on the ground. I love it."

Working full-time for the Navy, taking online college classes and working on his pilot licensing

in his spare time has made for a hectic schedule for Patterson, but he's always looking towards bettering his future.

"If you care about something, you'll put forth the effort," Patterson said. "I care about flying and my education and my job. I don't get a lot of sleep. I'm always studying for something, whether it's flying, school or the military. There's three different routes I can go. I'm making sure all my doors are open no matter what at all times."

Patterson has also considered the idea of flying in the civilian world as an airline pilot or having his own plane. His family has been supportive of him and has made it clear that he'll have their backing no matter what he chooses.

Veterans Day to Patterson is a time for him

to reflect and appreciate the service members that have come before him. That includes his father.

"When he was deployed, he had friends that didn't come back," Patterson said. "I didn't realize when I was younger how serious it was that he was deployed. That time in Iraq from 2006-2008 was the worst time in the Iraq War. I'm appreciative. Every time I see other people with military hats or clothes, I always strike up a conversation. Because I'm very appreciative of what the military has done for me and I appreciate other people that have gone before me to sacrifice their time and potentially more. It's a time for me to reflect on and appreciate where we're at as a country and the fact that freedom isn't free. Someone has to sacrifice for it."





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LOCAL VIEWS

GUEST COLUMN

Love, betrayal and a murder that changed the legal system: Part 2

This column is part two of this story. Part one appeared in the previous edition of the News-Leader.

There were few professions less admired than lawyers and doctors in the mid-1800s. The only requirement to become an attorney was to work with a practicing attorney until they felt you were ready to go into practice on your own. There were no educational requirements and no exams needed. This caused a wide difference in the skill levels of practitioners, even to the degree that they were familiar with accepted legal practices.

Sadly, the medical profession was no better. To become a doctor one merely needed to work with another doctor until they felt you were ready to start your own practice. Keep in mind that students attending “medical schools” frequently had to resort to robbing graves to find cadavers on which to practice surgeries and to study anatomy. These two professions were going to meet head to head in the trial of Mary Harris.

Mary was visited by several doctors while she was in prison. One of the doctors to interview Mary Harris was Joseph Bradley

a 60-year-old who was licensed as both an attorney and a medical doctor. Mr. Bradley was so taken by Mary that he offered to work on her legal team pro bono (for free). The general consensus was that she was suffering from hysteria. This was not a sufficient reason for dismissal of the murder charge. Her attorneys had chosen to file a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, a dangerous call, but the only option they felt was available.

Medical doctors were usually only asked to rate levels of mental capabilities in issues of competence and institutionalization. In important legal issues such as criminal cases attorneys followed the McNaughton Rule: “It must be clearly proved that at the time of committing the act, the party accused was laboring under such a defect of reason, from disease of the mind, as to not know the nature and quality of the act he was doing; or if he did know it, that he did not know what he was doing was wrong.” This definition had been formulated by attorneys and was considered non-subjective or free from influence by personal feelings, taste or opinions.

Any hope that Mary

could avoid the noose was eliminated when Mary Surratt was found guilty of conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Mary Surratt was hung for her crimes in 1865 between the time Mary Harris was arrested and the time she was tried. The door was now opened for the execution of women in the nation’s capital.

Mary Harris had no money to finance her defense, this was of extreme importance in the 1860s as the defense and the prosecution were responsible for paying for the travel, housing, and any other expenses required by their witnesses. Judson Burroughs’ brother John, on the other hand, had more than sufficient funds to mount a top-notch prosecution. The list of prosecution witnesses was impressive. The defense team was heavily reliant on depositions or written records of the what the witness said. In that a deposition could not be cross-examined they lacked the credibility of a live witness. As it was, some of the depositions arrived late and were not included in

the trial.

The prosecution showed that Mary had waited a full year from the time that Judson had broken off their relationship, to eliminate claims that the crime was committed in a moment of passion. The purchase of a pistol before she traveled to Washington showed pre-meditation. Witness after witness explained how Mary failed to meet the requirements for the legal definition of insanity, she knew what she was doing would be fatal and was wrong under the law. Mary had searched out Judson and waited patiently for him to walk into her trap. Mary was a woman who had misunderstood Judson’s kindness and intentions. She had repaid his generosity with vengeance and violence. This had been done with intent and pre-meditation.

The defense pled a case based on medical testimony and a subjective determination of insanity. Under the direction of Joseph Bradley almost every medical doctor he could find that would testify for free, and supported one of two theoretic causes

of insanity was placed on the witness stand. In a day before psychiatry was established, any medical doctor was considered an expert in the field. The case for moral insanity was based on the loss of reputation and virtue suffered by Mary. What decent woman would not be emotionally devastated to the point of insanity after being rejected by the man who had professed his love only to abandon her for another. The second basis for the insanity plea was periodic insanity. The defense put forth that Mary was menstruating at the time of the murder. It was an accepted belief that all women were at least partially insane every 28 days. This was possibly the first case that offered up PMS (premenstrual syndrome) as a defense.

Those were the cases for and against. There was no debate as to whether or not Mary Harris had shot and killed Judson Burroughs. The jury had to decide if Mary was in control of her faculties at the time of the crime. The jury left the court room and before the attorneys could pick up their papers the jury returned. In less than five minutes they had reached

a verdict. Mary Harris was found not guilty by reason of temporary insanity. From this time forward it would be doctors that decided the mental capabilities of those charged with a crime. The legal system was changed and remains so to this very day.

Mary returned with her family to Iowa but by 1866 she returned to Washington D.C. and placed herself in an asylum. For the next 18 years Mary would commit herself and un-commit herself as the whim suited her. She only had one consistent visitor and in 1885 at the age of 40, Mary walked out of the asylum permanently with 80-year-old Joseph Bradley, her attorney and soon-to-be her husband.

Presentism: The introduction of present-day ideas and perspectives into depictions or interpretations of the past. Or simply stated can you read or write history without judging what happened then through the lens of what we believe now? This story is an opportunity to test your ability to read history without personal bias. How did you do?

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



Tom McDermott

Transforming pretrial justice for people, systems and communities

LAST week, we marked the first 30 days of the Pretrial Fairness Act, which is transforming pretrial justice in Illinois. When the law was enacted one month ago, it made history by eliminating money bonds. Instead of the arbitrary practice of wealth-based detention, Illinois put in place sensible legal standards for intentional pretrial release and detention decisions based on the law and evidence.

Plenty of work still lies ahead, but we should acknowledge those whose efforts during the past two years helped ensure that the implementation of the law would positively impact people, systems and communities. More than 100 people throughout the state participated in the Pretrial Implementation Task Force. They represented law enforcement, courts, state’s attorneys, public defenders, pretrial services, victims’/survivors’ rights

advocates, and other community and justice system stakeholder groups — and dedicated countless hours to lay the groundwork for the law’s success.

While the state’s elimination of financial release conditions has generated the most attention, the Pretrial Fairness Act upended decades of questionable practices and operations. But what is remarkable about the law — especially regarding its potential impact nationwide — is that it reconnected pretrial practices with foundational American legal principles.

More than 30 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court was unequivocal in declaring that “In our society, liberty is the norm, and detention prior to trial or without trial is the carefully limited exception.” But this explicit statement was overlooked during decades of outdated practices, including the default setting of financial

conditions of release (commonly referred to as “money bond”), which led to pretrial decisions that were neither careful nor limited. These practices undermined the presumption of innocence. Instead, financial conditions resulted in the detention of people without access to money — and the release of others, even if they posed a danger to community safety or of willful flight from prosecution.

By abandoning the arbitrary use of financial conditions, Illinois has adopted a commonsense legal framework that honors and operates consistently with the presumption of innocence and liberty.

In this respect, while remarkable, the Pretrial Fairness Act isn’t groundbreaking. It follows other states and jurisdictions that have moved away from financial conditions of release and toward reasoned, evidence-based, and legally-justified decisions about

who should be detained, who should be released, and under what conditions.

With the new law, Illinois joins New Jersey, New Mexico, and the District of Columbia in requiring substantive hearings to determine who should be detained and ensures that courts are taking the time necessary for decision makers to review each case and its circumstances properly. Where these reforms have been implemented, data and research show that they are working: The majority of people attend their court hearings and remain arrest-free.

The Pretrial Fairness Act’s accomplishments go beyond its alignment with foundational pretrial legal principles. The new law requires a comprehensive collection of relevant data to be analyzed and shared with justice system professionals and the public. Reliable data is essential for reviewing pretrial outcomes

and measuring how a system performs as a whole; it will also contribute to more constructive and evidence-based discussions about the impacts the new law has on people, communities, and the court system.

Because the new law is complex and comprehensive, it required counties to do something that many justice systems don’t naturally do: work together across disciplines and functions. System stakeholders and community members collaborated in a well-structured process that helped them identify and better understand the changes they needed to make to their pretrial practices. This requires removing the traditional barriers in the criminal legal system that can divide system stakeholders from the community members they serve. These collaborations should continue and include representatives from all agencies with pretrial responsibilities and directly

impacted people, victims and survivors, and their families.

The people working in the state’s criminal legal systems — judges, state’s attorneys, defense counsel, law enforcement, court clerks, pretrial services officers, and many others — deserve recognition for their extraordinary efforts to uphold the letter as well as the spirit of the new law. Change is never easy. But the Pretrial Fairness Act puts Illinois on the path to upholding foundational legal principles and the integrity of its system of justice. This important undertaking is off to a positive start.

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COMMUNITY



RTHS students selected for ILMEA District 8 festivals

The Rochelle Township High School District recently congratulated students who were selected for participation in the ILMEA District 8 band, chorus and jazz festivals. From left to right: Brooklyn Hull, Julia Livingston, Jonathan Alanis, Aiden Ramsey, Lucas Smardo, Jessica Nguyen and Karma Lidren.

Stoller seeks help honoring veterans

S P R I N G - FIELD – With Veterans Day approaching on Nov. 11, State Senator Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) is asking local residents to help honor family members or friends who are veterans at part of a memorial display in the Illinois State Capitol.

again hosting their annual Veterans Day Wall of Honor display at the Statehouse, from Nov. 7 to Nov. 20. The memorial will feature a large electronic display of veterans and their stories, along with a wall where visitors can write notes of thanks to those who served.

brave men and women who chose to serve and protect our nation receives the rightful recognition they deserve," said Sen. Stoller. "We live in the greatest nation on earth thanks to their sacrifices and honoring them with this display is the least that we can do."

to submit a photo and short story (fewer than 250 words) about their veterans by Nov. 6, so the information can be a part of the Veterans Day Wall of Honor display.

Entries can be submitted to VeteransDay@sgop.ilga.gov or mailed to Veterans Day Wall, 110D State House, Springfield, IL 62706.

"It is truly important that we ensure that the

Sen. Stoller is encouraging friends and families

Rochelle Women's Recovery Group now meeting on Tuesdays

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Women's Recovery Group is now meeting

every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The group is a safe place for women sup-

porting women in recovery. The meetings are held at Rochelle Recovery Center,

242 May Mart Drive, Rochelle, IL 61068. For more info, call 779-707-0151.

Turkey Bingo event scheduled for Nov. 18 in Creston

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **H** equals **W**

HFPE HKLIX ZWZQOSKXO GPII
EFZ EKR KJJNGNPI IZPXZQ KJ
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PXWNGZ RQZCNXZTE.

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Answers

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Answers

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Solution time: 21 mins.

What would everybody call the top official leader of Dear Abby's fan club? Advice president.

CryptoQuip answer

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SPORTS



ALL-AMERICAN RUNNER

St. Paul runner Tyler Johnson took eighth at the 2023 Lutheran National meet.

See page 3 for more details

RTHS Football

Hubs fall in first round

Manning scores twice as Rochelle concedes 45-14 loss to Wheaton St. Francis

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

WHEATON— Freshman wingback Dylan Manning scored two rushing touchdowns and ran for over 100 yards as the Rochelle Hub varsity football team saw its season conclude against Wheaton St. Francis in the first round of the IHSA Class 5A Playoffs on Friday evening.

In a rematch of last season's IHSA Class 4A Quarterfinals, when the Spartans eliminated the Hubs 35-16, Rochelle hit the road on Friday for an opening-round matchup, with the winner set to face either Chicago Payton or Sterling in the second round. While the Hubs forced two turnovers and generated nearly 300 yards of offense, Rochelle was unable to contain Spartan quarterback Alessio Milivojevic, who threw five touchdown passes as the Hubs fell 45-14.

"We had some opportunities early in the game and we thought we would," head coach Kyle Kissack said. "We just missed a few of those plays and I thought it changed

the game. We felt good about our position during halftime and we felt like, if we could get a stop out of halftime and establish more of our edge runs, we'd be OK. I'm proud of how our kids played tonight. They battled and I'm proud of our senior class. I've always admired their competitiveness."

Rochelle (7-3, 6-0 I-8/KRC Blue) moved the ball near midfield on its first drive of the evening, but an incomplete pass on a fourth-and-3 down resulted in a turnover that gave Wheaton St. Francis (8-2, 2-1 CCL/ESCC Orange) quality field position. The eighth-seeded Spartans needed only one play to reach the endzone, scoring on a 44-yard touchdown pass from the Ball State commit Milivojevic to wide receiver Deshaun Williams, who had five catches for 112 yards.

The ninth-seeded Hubs answered on their next drive, scoring on a 25-yard rushing touchdown from Manning, who led the Rochelle offense with 117 rushing yards on 11 carries in the game.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Brock Metzger and sophomore Brode Metzger combine to tackle Wheaton St. Francis receiver Deshaun Williams during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against the Spartans on Friday evening.

Rochelle Wrestling Club

(COURTESY PHOTO)



Andronic finishes fifth at 2023 Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa

Rochelle wrestler Nehemiah Andronic battled in the 2023 Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa over the weekend, finishing fifth in the 1st-2nd Boys 70 Division with a 3-2 record to earn All-American honors. Andronic scored three victories including a 4-2 sudden victory over Viking Wrestling Club's Lincoln Booth as well as a 6-0 decision over Team Tulsa Wrestling Club's Joseph Kidwell and a fall over Wave Wrestling Club's Kash Harrison.



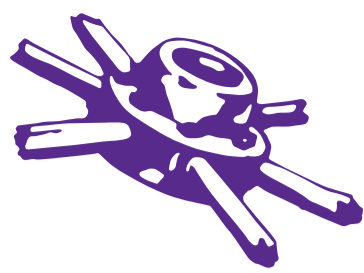
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HUB SPOTLIGHT



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Senior Luis Hernandez (left) and sophomore Annaliese Koziol (right) represented the Rochelle Township High School cross country team during the IHSA 2A Woodstock Sectional on Saturday. The meet was held at Emricson Park.

Rochelle harriers bow out at IHSA 2A Woodstock Sectional

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

WOODSTOCK — The Rochelle Township High School varsity cross country team concluded its season at the IHSA 2A Woodstock Sectional on Saturday. Sophomore Annaliese Koziol raced for the Lady Hubs, while senior Luis Hernandez represented the Hubs in the 3-mile competition.

Koziol finished 74th out of 140 runners in the first sectional race at Emricson Park, clocking in with a time of 21:11.99. It was the first career sectional race for Koziol, who head coach Mark Zilis said has a bright future with the Lady Hubs. Koziol was Rochelle's fastest girl for most of the season, routinely finishing in the 20 to 21-minute range with a personal best of 19:49.9.

"She did really well," Zilis said. "She let the leaders of the race take off and around the mile-and-a-half mark, she started to pass the runners who were falling back. I

thought she ran a good race overall and I think she has a chance to make the state meet next season. She's a very determined athlete and she trains hard. She really wants to make the state meet."

Hernandez finished 112nd out of 139 runners in the second sectional race, crossing the line with a time of 18:12.61. The senior concluded his career as a two-time

Interstate 8 All-Conference runner as well as a three-time IHSA Sectional qualifier, with one coming as a team member and two coming as an individual. Hernandez also finished his career with a personal best of 16:36.5.

"He went out really fast and tried to stay with the leaders," Zilis said. "He was in 12th place after about a mile and he was doing really well, but it's a very competitive race and it was a tough course. Luis fought hard, but even though he fell back, I thought he gave it his all and that's what he always does. He's been a great example and an inspiration for the rest of the team."



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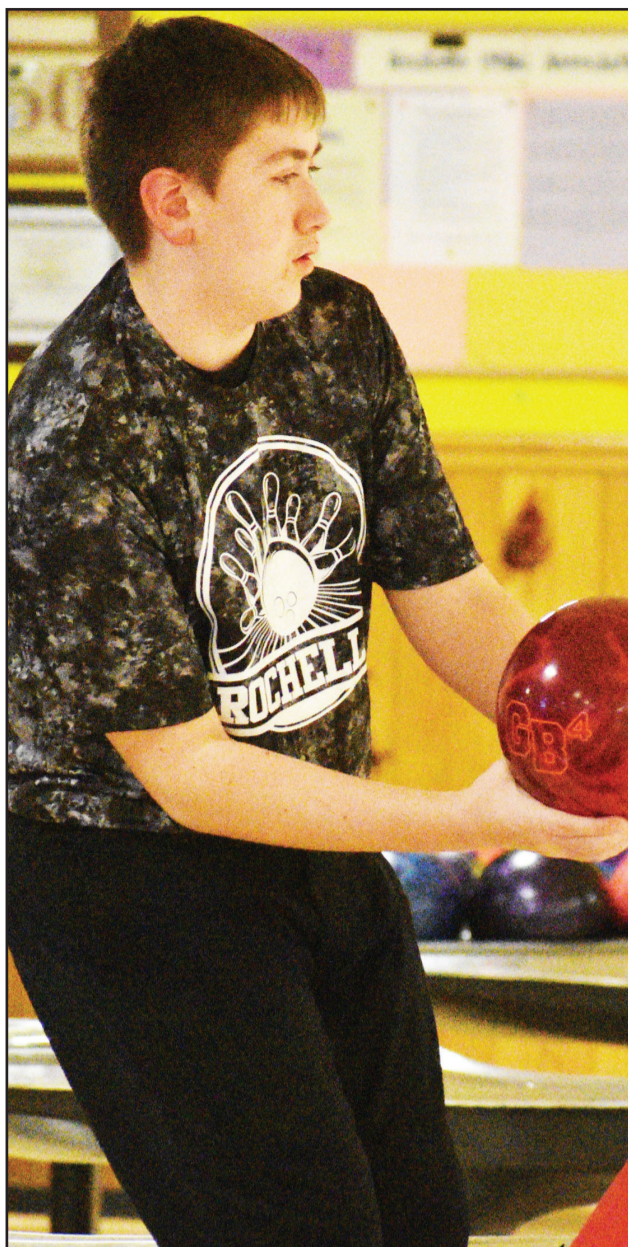
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SPORTS

RTHS Boys Bowling



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Andrew Powell (left) and junior Logan Frye (right) are two key returning varsity players for the Rochelle Hub bowling team this winter. Rochelle will open the season against Rockford Lutheran on Nov. 6.

Hub keglers return to the lanes

Powell, Frye headline varsity players back this winter

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team returned to T-Byrd Lanes this past Monday for the start of the 2023-24 season. With only one senior gone from the varsity roster last winter, head coach Jim Lyles has higher expectations for the Hubs this coming winter. Rochelle will begin the 2023-24 season with an action-packed first week. The Hubs will host four matches next week, with Rochelle scheduled to face Rockford Lutheran on Monday before opening Interstate 8 Conference play against LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday. Rochelle will

continue nonconference action against Sterling on Thursday before welcoming Oregon on Friday.

“We have most of our bowlers back this season,” Lyles said. “Our returning bowlers are throwing the ball really well and we have some kids who were freshmen last season that put in a lot of practice over the offseason. I think a few of those kids have a chance to be on varsity.”

Sophomore Andrew Powell headlines Rochelle’s returning varsity bowlers this winter. Powell won both the Dixon Toughman Tournament and the Interstate 8 Conference tournament while qualifying for the IHSA Sectional in Rockford last season.

Junior Logan Frye, who was an All-Conference honoree during the 2022-23 campaign, also returns this winter. Powell was also an All-Conference honoree for the Hubs, who went 8-7 overall and 5-3 in the I-8 last winter.

“We’d like to do a little better in the conference this season,” Lyles said. “I think we’ll have a chance to win the conference and our goal has always been to get as many kids through to the sectional tournament as we can. We’d like to get our team through to the sectional as well and as long as our kids keep their heads up and don’t get frustrated, I think we’ll have a chance.”

In addition to Powell

and Frye, Rochelle will return a trio of seniors including Jonathan Alanis, Sam Tracey and Christian Thorne. All three seniors were varsity contributors last season and should factor into the mix this season. Sophomores Levi Waddle and Declan McGee are two underclassmen who could also find their way into the varsity lineup for the Hubs this winter.

“Most of our kids were practicing a lot by the time we ended our season last year,” Lyles said. “They’ve been practicing over the offseason, particularly during the spring and the summer. I’ve seen them work and that’s been huge for their development. These kids have improved a lot.”

St. Paul Lutheran School



Johnson medals in eighth place at 2023 Lutheran Nationals

St. Paul Lutheran School cross country standout Tyler Johnson competed in the 2023 Lutheran National Championship meet at Concordia University Wisconsin this past month. Johnson medaled in eighth place with a time of 11:37.37 to earn All-American honors this season. Johnson qualified for the national meet after finishing fourth during the 2023 Lutheran State Championship meet.

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Dinges Fire Company CEO speaks at panel on health in entrepreneurship

CHICAGO – Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges recently sat on a panel to discuss health in entrepreneurship hosted by Northern Illinois University, NC State Poole College of Management and DePaul University.

According to research, issues surrounding health and entrepreneurship impact over 44 million employed adults in the United States. The forum aimed to bring together fresh ideas and diverse perspectives on health and new venture creation to help students develop their own research and projects.

Nick sat on a panel and shared his mental and physical health journey. Additionally, he shared how his own health has influenced his business and has changed over time. Additional topics covered at the forum included Unpacking Entrepreneurial Loneliness, How Subjective Social Status

Shapes Entrepreneurial Cognition and Well-Being, Entrepreneurship Addiction, Trauma and Entrepreneurship, among other topics.

“I was honored to have been asked to sit on a panel and share my entrepreneurial health story with several college-aged students,” Dinges said. “Starting a business is exhausting. It consumes you and overwhelms you but is equally fulfilling and rewarding. By presenting on this panel, I truly hope I educated and, most importantly, inspired the students.”

For more information on the Dinges Fire Company and its growth, visit www.DingesFire.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

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ON THE FARM

What consumers can do to support local farmers

FARMING has never been a vocation for individuals looking for easy work. Farmers typically work long hours, braving the elements regardless of how unpleasant the weather may be.

All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods.

- Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies' favorite places, but they aren't exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores?

- Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it's possible to buy directly from them.

- Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies. Locally produced foods often taste more fresh than items sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will help to support local farmers.

- Spread the word. Get the word out after a



satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it's buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.

Produce

As hot, humid days give way to cool fall temperatures, it is prime time to enjoy a new bounty of fresh vegetables. Homeowners may be ready to pick the vegetables they have been growing the past several months. While many home vegetable gardeners focus on early spring plantings that yield the tomatoes, cucumbers and squashes of summer, they also should consider summertime sowing that

will yield tasty offerings throughout fall.

Some of these cooler-weather stock can be harvested just before frost sets in. Individuals ready to bite in to produce plucked at the peak of fall have many different options to look forward to. Here are some of common fall produce items that will be available at farm stands near you well into November.

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SPORTS

HUBS: Rochelle concludes 2023 season with loss to St. Francis

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Wheaton St. Francis held an 8-6 advantage entering the second quarter, where Milivojevic fired two touchdown passes including a 17-yarder to wide receiver Ian Willis and a 9-yarder to wide receiver Tanner Glock. An interception and a botched snap also led to two Rochelle turnovers.

"When we think about what we accomplished and what we can celebrate this season, it was our seniors who led us to those points," Kissack said. "They've grown the program and I think for any class, the goal is to grow the program and leave it better than when they found it. I thought our senior class did that and our message after the game was that we need to love the seniors."

The Spartans led 23-6 at halftime and received the second-half kickoff. Rochelle did well to stop Wheaton St. Francis on the ground, with the Spartans rushing for only 122 yards on 27 carries. But the Spartans remained effective through the air during the second half, where a 2-yard pass from Milivojevic to Willis resulted in another touchdown that put the Spartans ahead 29-6.

Wheaton St. Francis cruised over the remainder of the game, adding a 1-yard touchdown run



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Freshman Dylan Manning rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Rochelle Hub varsity team's offense during a 45-14 loss against Wheaton St. Francis on Friday evening.

from Dom Beres late in the third quarter as well as an 11-yard touchdown pass to Willis, who had six catches for 51 yards and three touchdowns, midway through the fourth quarter. While the Spartans snagged a second interception in the second half, the Hubs scored the final touchdown

of the night, with Manning breaking loose for a 43-yard score late in the fourth.

"We have a lot of players coming back, but we understand that next year will be a new team," Kissack said. "Everyone we have coming back next season has a lot of work to do over the offseason.

We're trying to find the best players and they may not be seniors next year. They could be juniors or even sophomores. We want the best players so we can put together the best team we can to be as competitive as we can so we can come away with wins in these games."

Senior linebacker Brock Metzger led the Rochelle defense with 10 tackles, while sophomore linebacker Brode Metzger followed with six tackles. Junior tailback Grant Gensler ran for 72 yards on 19 carries and junior quarterback Carson Lewis completed five passes for 76 yards. Junior

linebacker Ethan Goodwin had five tackles.

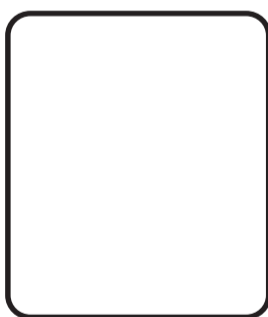
The Rochelle defense forced two turnovers in the game, with senior cornerback Tommy Tourdot intercepting a deep pass from Milivojevic late in the first half and the Hub defense recovering a fumble early in the first quarter.

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