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## City combating rising project costs

‘The costs... on the electric side have outpaced inflation...’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Amid inflation, supply chain issues and the COVID-19 pandemic in recent years, the City of Rochelle has seen rising project prices in its various operations.

The increases have been seen in both projects big and small, City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Public Works Director Tim Isley said Sept. 20.

“I would say on our end, it’s been difficult just because the prices have gone up so much,” Isley said. “For example, the cost of the plastic pipe we use, that’s gone up probably close to 20 percent. It was very hard to get a hold of during the pandemic. You’re able to get more material now, but the prices are still up. It’s been a hurdle. You budget an amount, and then we never really know what we’re going to get into when we do a job. Everything is underground and we don’t know the conditions. When you run across these things and all of the sudden you need an extra 100 feet of pipe, that’s a



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big chunk of change to fork out when you really weren’t expecting it.”

The city is currently looking at issuing \$2.5 million worth of bonds to fund work on infrastructure in the downtown area, Fiegenschuh said, and one of the reasons for that is due to cost escalations its seen. While interest rates on borrowing have increased as well, it can make sense to borrow to complete projects sooner before

project costs rise further in future years, the city manager said.

Fiegenschuh said that in the case of saving money for projects, interest the city gets on its savings may not end up keeping up with inflationary pressures.

“If costs are going up 10-15 percent a year, you’re actually ahead in money to pay five percent interest and we can get the projects done now,” Fiegenschuh said. “I think

the more we can do now, the better off we are and the better off our rate-payers and taxpayers are because those costs are only going to go up. And if we put those projects off, all we’re doing is putting other projects off further and further into the future. We always have more to do. If you spend money wisely and issue smart debt, it makes sense to do projects now.”

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## D231 officials discuss Tilton renovations

‘We have tried to balance a lot of district variables and student interests’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting in September, the Rochelle Elementary School District 231 Board of Education resolved to pursue \$14-16 million worth of needed renovations at Tilton Elementary School.

The district recently found in a health life safety evaluation that an estimated \$7.8 million worth of work is required at the school for those issues. Health life safety concerns the physical safety of the building for students and staff to occupy. The district plans to issue bonds for that money in the coming months and wants to utilize an additional \$6-8 million from its reserves for other improvements involving security and spatial concerns including its pick up and drop off areas. The work will be done over “several years” with the most important health life safety issues being completed first. Work could start next summer, District Business Manager Kevin Dale said.

The board established a



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facilities committee to evaluate the needed improvements. It also considered alternatives to fill the needs of Tilton School students including additions at other district locations (\$25-30 million cost estimate) and a new school (\$30-35 million

cost estimate).

The district’s current bond capacity is about \$17 million and any cost higher than that would have required a referendum to be voted on by district residents.

Board President Trisha

Vaughn described what the facilities work has been like as a process up to this point. Tilton School had its 10-year health life safety review moved up a year due to anticipated needs and the other district schools will be reviewed as usual next

summer.

“The process has taken about a year up to this point as the district needed to look at all options and all locations for improvements,” Vaughn said.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## AUDYN: Ceremony for new boutique held on Friday afternoon

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“On Sept. 1 we signed the lease and here we are. Audrey will be running it. It’s a family thing. All of us working together. We were here until after 1 a.m. last night getting it ready. We’re just excited to be a part of Rochelle. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming and we’re so thankful.”

David Hulthen said the boutique business began about two and a half years ago and has grown since. “We decided it might be something a little different and Audrey was kind of the spearhead behind that side of things,” David said. “And then the year after that we went out into a market and set up an area and it worked out really well. We bought a mobile trailer for those markets. We’ve had that for 1.5 years and do it during the summers. That’s been growing the business and we got to this. So we’ll see where we go from here.”

Speeches at the ribbon cutting were made by Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Di-

rector Tricia Herrera and City of Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows. Herrera said she was excited by the new business and its choice to locate in The Hub City.

“About a month ago I met with the family and we sat down in the office and I wanted to know how they came across Rochelle,” Herrera said. “They said they knew Rochelle was the place to go and a town that was growing. To us, that’s very exciting, that we’re on the map and people are seeing that this is the area to invest in. We always say that when you open a business, we’re very proud and honored that you choose Rochelle. This space is beautiful. In about a month’s time they renovated this space. You’ve done an amazing job. We’re so happy to have you as an additional choice here for clothing in downtown Rochelle. We agree with you. This is the place to invest that is growing. And it fills an empty storefront.”

Bearrows remarked at how many empty storefronts have been filled



On Friday, a ribbon cutting was held for Audyn Boutique, a new women's shopping experience downtown at 413 4th Ave. in Rochelle. The shop offers clothing, handbags, jewelry and more.

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

downtown over the past five years, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which spurred support from the city to keep businesses open.

“During the pandemic, we helped folks financially through the city that

had to shut down because the governor called them nonessential,” Bearrows said. “None of us feel that there’s any business that is nonessential. We were able to do that in a small community. You don’t get that in a lot of places.

We’re very thankful for that and the city council has been unanimously supportive of all the programs. The reason those buildings are filled is the support system we have in place in the collaborative effort between the city,

the chamber of commerce and the business owners. When we all work together, we can do amazing things. This is proof right here. This is a great new bright spot for our downtown. Thank you and welcome to Rochelle.”

## State Police encourages safe driving during harvest season

**SPRINGFIELD**—The Illinois State Police (ISP) is reminding motorists and farmers about traffic safety as Illinois enters the fall harvest season. Agriculture is one of the leading industries in Illinois and farmers across the state will be moving equipment along roadways during the harvest season, which typically begins in early September and can last into November.

As farmers are traveling between fields, ISP is reminding motorists and farmers alike to share the road to help reduce crashes involving tractors, implements and other farm equipment. ISP encourages motorists to follow these safe driving tips during harvest season:

Share the road and be patient. Allow extra travel time during harvest season.

Don’t pass until it’s safe and legal to do so. It is illegal to pass at intersections and in no-passing zones. Improper passing can be deadly.

Use extra caution around tractors and slow-moving vehicles. Farm equipment is easily recognized by the orange, slow moving vehicle triangle emblem on the back. Most are also equipped with flashing yellow lights to warn

motorists.

Adjust to a greater following distance to increase sight lines when following behind wide, slow moving vehicles.

ISP also encourages farmers to do their part by following these safe driving tips:

Take time to wipe off reflectors, flashing lights, and any other warning devices on equipment before entering the roadway.

Equipment covered with dust/mud/debris from the field and can make warning devices difficult to see.

Understand motorist sight lines are reduced around large pieces of equipment and look for opportunities to move as far right as possible.

Pay attention for traffic backing up while traveling between fields and look for opportunities to ease them. When possible,

move off of the roadway to allow extensive back-ups time to clear.

When possible, reduce width of combines by removing the harvesting heads. Remember, farm machinery cannot be driven or towed on controlled access highways. By sharing the road and making safety a priority, motorists and farmers can work together to ensure a safe fall harvest.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## TILTON: Nearly \$16 million in improvements needed at elementary school

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"The facility assessment process remains ongoing as we will have three of our other facilities have their 10-year reviews next summer. Overall, by taking our time, we have been able to weigh the pros and cons of each potential option. We have tried to balance a lot of district variables and student interests as we consider future facility improvements."

After reviewing the Tilton School 10-year review and discussing potential improvements at a variety of D231 campuses with architects and financial advisors, the Tilton School renovations path was chosen.

"When all of this information was distilled, including the cost of new construction and the district's current debt limit, the board decided on a plan for improvements at Tilton School as a way to address our facility needs in a fiscally-responsible manner," Vaughn said.

Tilton School was built in 1949. Central School was built in 1939 and May School was built in 1959. Board Member Dave Casey, who is part of the facilities committee, said with three buildings in the district at an advanced age, it can be "challenging" to have spaces that reflect current expectations for teaching, learning and student safety.

In the past decade at Central School, the district has invested in windows, the roof, exterior brick work, geothermal climate control and other areas in hopes to keep that building viable for 20 more years.



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"In May and Tilton Schools, the district knows we have smaller-sized buildings that require improvements relating to safety and security, technology accessibility, classroom space and challenges that arise from the gym and cafeteria occupying the same space during the school day," Casey said.

Dale said at the September meeting that the goal of the planned renovation work is to get "at least another 20 years" out of the Tilton School build-

ing. Work will include removal of asbestos tiles and roofing and window repairs. Renovations and painting will be done to interiors of classrooms to provide a "fresh look." The multiple-year plan is in place in an effort to not have to displace students.

The upcoming October district board meeting is expected to provide a sharper financial outlook on the renovations. The borrowing process could start in the coming months.

District Assistant Su-

perintendent Tony Doyle said students' needs were a top priority in the decision-making process.

"A primary and growing concern in the past decade is a focus on safety and security in our buildings," Doyle said. "Buildings that were built in the early 20th century were not built with modern-day safety concerns in mind. We also continue to see an increase in specialized instructional spaces for students with special needs. Our students' needs

always come first and we try to keep that in mind when considering how to enhance their learning experience in updating facilities."

The district also had to consider the increases that have been seen in recent years in construction prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain issues and inflation.

"Like we are all seeing in our daily lives, rising costs have been difficult and frustrating," Dale said. "As we began this process

of trying to establish the best course of action for repairs and renovations versus building new, we have seen the estimated per square foot cost increase by almost \$200 per square foot. The rising costs are huge when you multiply them out for an entire project. The requirements to meet current codes that are needed when building a school have also changed for increased safety and security which also are driving up costs considerably."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Deborah Ann Jaeger

**ROCHELLE**—Deborah Ann Jaeger, 70, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Rochelle, Illinois Sunday, October 1, 2023. Deborah was born on September 30, 1953 in Rockford, IL to Theodore E. and Helen T. (Valiulis) Jaeger. In 1971, she graduated from Rochelle Township High School. She was employed at the Eaton Corporation from 1973 to 2000. Deborah was a member

of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Rochelle and the VFW Post 3878 Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and spending time with her friends.

Deborah is survived by her brother, Brian Jaeger of Lindenwood, IL; sister, Rita (Dennis) Gorsuch of Kokomo, IN; nephew, John Gorsuch and niece, Carmen Gorsuch.

There will be a private family service for Deborah. Burial is at St. Patrick



Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Deborah's memory to the VFW Post 3878 in Rochelle. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Joanne B. Crowe



**LINDENWOOD** — Joanne Crowe, 97 of Lindenwood, Illinois, embarked on the next great adventure of her eternal journey on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford, Illinois, due to complications of a fall in her home earlier that week, after enjoying almost a full century of vibrant life well lived to the very end.

She was a quiet and introspective lady, who read widely, thought deeply, and cared intensely for her family, friends, community, and the world, right up until her death. Even after her eyesight was almost gone, and physical limitations kept her mostly at home, she kept up with current affairs in her family, her community, and the world, devoured audio books at the rate of four to six a week, and loved engaging in a good discussion with whoever might stop by for a visit.

Joanne and her twin sister, Jean, were born on April 21, 1926 to Victor J. and Laura C. (Young) Beaumont in Peru, Illinois, the same day as Princess Elizabeth of York — the future Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth Realms — and always felt a special fondness for Elizabeth.

Joanne graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1944. During the Second World War, she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter," first at the Green River Arsenal in Lee County, Illinois, making artillery shells, and then as a weld inspector on the US Navy's Landing Ship Tanks (LST's) built at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company's "Prairie Shipyard" on the Illinois River, in Seneca, Illinois.

She attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa after high school, but transferred to Illinois State Normal University, in Normal, Illinois after the war, and took a part-

time job working for State Farm Insurance Company in their home office. While working at State Farm, Joanne met Lyle Crowe, a local farm boy and soldier who had recently returned from Germany, and was also working at State Farm, and they married in 1947.

Shortly after they were married, Lyle took a job with the Nickle-Plate Railroad, and they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and then to Indiana where their first two children were born, Larry in Tipton, Indiana (1951), and Kathy in Frankfort, Indiana (1953). From 1955-1963 the family lived in La Salle, Illinois, and added two more members, Mike (1956) and David (1960), both born in Peru, Illinois. In 1963, the family moved to Lindenwood, Illinois, where Joanne continued to live for sixty years until her death.

The move to Lindenwood opened a whole new world for Joanne by bringing many new people into the circle of those she cared deeply about and providing outlets for her to give of her time and talents. She was a child of the Great Depression. She learned early in life to be an excellent cook and seamstress, and throughout her life acquired many other skills such as gardening, canning, knitting, quilting, and rugmaking, which she not only utilized at home for the benefit of her own family, but also gave freely to her new community. She lent her culinary skills to countless Ham and Turkey Dinners and other food-related functions at the Lindenwood Union Church, and cooked hams and sent other food items for the Community Club Smorgasbord to raise money for the Lindenwood Grade School. She taught other women in the community to make braided rugs like the ones that graced many of the floors in her own home and helped the Lutheran Church Ladies Quilt Club in their efforts.

She was a member of the Lindenwood Union Church, served in their Ladies Aide group, and sang in the church choir for many years. She served as a School Board Member for the Lindenwood Grade School. And for many years, she served first as a Postal Clerk, and then Postmaster of the Lindenwood Post Office, positions that she loved because she was able to daily serve and speak into the lives of the people of the community that she loved. After retirement, Joanne stayed very active. She hosted formal tea services at her home for the women of the community. She traveled to Europe, and made many road trips with her friend Margaret Knight, often to rock and shell shows in

search of prized additions to their respective extensive collections. For as long as she was physically able, she took great joy in maintaining her extensive flower gardens and numerous long walks with her beloved dogs.

Joanne was predeceased in death by her husband, Lyle M. Crowe, her youngest son, David K. Crowe, her beloved son-in-law, Karl E. Horn (Kathy's husband), parents, Victor J. Beaumont and Laura C. Beaumont, and her three siblings: Robert A. Beaumont, Elizabeth L. McFarland, and Jean Stum.

She is survived by her children: Lawrence E. (Larry) Crowe, of Loves Park, Illinois, Kathleen (Kathy) Horn of Lindenwood, Illinois, and Michael D. (Mike) Crowe, of Lindenwood, Illinois. She is also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Kathy's daughter, Danielle (Rick) Magana of Charlotte, NC, and their son, Ricky Magana; Kathy's daughter, Adrienne (Mike) D'Amato-Horn, of Poplar Grove, IL, and their sons: Ari and Enzo D'Amato; and Larry's son, Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Crowe of San Diego, CA.

The family wishes to express our profound gratitude to Joanne's friends, neighbors, the Lindenwood community, and particularly to the local volunteer fire departments and Lynnville Township for their kindness, help, and special accommodations that helped her remain in her home until her death. Should you wish to dedicate a memorial to Joanne, the family suggests the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District, or the Lindenwood Union Church.

Visitation will be from 10-11 A.M., Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the Lindenwood Union Church, 101 Galena Street, Lindenwood, Illinois. A Funeral service will follow at 11 A.M. with Pastor Dan Sergeant officiating. Following the funeral service, Joanne's earthly remains will be laid to rest next to her husband, Lyle and son, David at the Lindenwood Cemetery, Lindenwood, Illinois, among many dear friends and neighbors, in that sacred place where she loved to walk with her dogs, enjoying the peace and tranquility, treasured memories of family and friends, and the beauty of nature. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Oswaldo Amaro

**ROCKFORD** — Oswaldo Amaro, 92, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born January 28, 1931, in Cuba, the son of Daniel and Aida (Perez) Amaro. He married Maria Abreu on October 31, 1959.

Oswaldo came to the United States from Cuba on a sponsorship from the Methodist Church. He worked at Del Monte as a machine operator for 35 years until his retirement in 1995. Oswaldo was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was a quiet man who could be silly at times but was also very wise. He was considered by friends to be "everybody's dad." He and his wife, Maria,



have helped countless immigrant families to settle in the United States, regardless of where they came from.

Oswaldo is survived by his wife, Maria, of Rockford; two children, Lizet Amaro of Rockford and Oswaldo Amaro Jr. of DeKalb; and a grandson, Emilio Amaro of Richmond, KY.

In addition to his parents, Oswaldo is preceded in death by two brothers, Ovidio and Onelio Amaro.

A funeral service will take place at 3:00 P.M. Monday, October 16, 2023, at the Iglesia Buenas Nuevas Asamblea de Dios, 200 Wayne Rd., in Rochelle. Visitation will be from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service at the church on Monday. Cremation care will be provided following the funeral services. Contributions in Oswaldo's memory may be directed to the Iglesia Buenas Nuevas Asamblea de Dios.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County youth participate in Ag Awareness Days

**OREGON** — Two hundred eighty-seven Ogle and Carroll County fourth and fifth graders descended upon the Ogle County Fairgrounds on Sept. 7 and 8 to harvest information about modern agriculture and its influences on daily living. Hosted by University of Illinois Extension, Ag Awareness Days '23 took youth on a fast-paced, interactive, guided tour of the science, engineering, and technology that drives today's farm operations. Students engaged in 30-minute workshops led by a variety of agricultural professionals throughout the experience for opportunities to mingle with livestock; explore different ag careers, chat with a traveling vet; discuss basic biotechnology concepts; learn about different crops; navigate way points, and discuss how much soil it takes to grow crops.

This was the 21st consecutive year for U of I Extension's award-winning Ag Awareness Days program. It is intended that participants will think twice the next time they fry an egg, pass a corn field turned subdivision, put on their leather boots, wrap up in a wool blanket, drink a glass of milk, or eat a bowl of cereal. The Midwest has long been heralded as a top agricultural production site. It is logical that tomorrow's leaders understand how they fit into it.

Many students reported that they most enjoyed



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Ogle and Carroll County fourth and fifth-graders descended upon the Ogle County Fairgrounds on Sept. 7 and 8 to harvest information about modern agriculture. Above is "Doctoring the Barnyard" presentation led by Taryn Pfeiffer of Polo Animal Hospital.**

hearing firsthand the daily events of a livestock vet, getting up close to a combine, and using a GPS unit to find hidden coordinates in a scavenger hunt. Students also had fun collecting cool fact cards at each of the workshop stations.

Special thanks to the Ag Awareness Day teaching team for volunteering their time and talents, and in some cases, their critters. Workshops

and presenters included: "Harvesting Honey," led by Jeff Ludwig, Byron; "Doctoring the Barnyard," led by Taryn Pfeiffer, Polo Animal Hospital; "Ag Careers," led by John Heisner, FCAE; "Cracking Up Over Eggs," led by retired U of I Poultry Specialist Ken Koelkebeck; "Dairy Production," led by Kristi Snodgrass, Oregon; "Bite into Beef," led by Annette and Allisa

Martin, Ogle County Beef Association; "Engineering Ethanol" led by CHS staff, Rochelle; "Growing Up Grain" led by Justin Ebert and Highland Community College Ag Club; "Horses on the Farm" led by Bryan Hollewell and Family; "Weeds and their Needs" led by Extension Educator Kathryn Seebruck; "Magic of Modern Equipment" led by staff from Prairie State Tractor in Dixon;

"Water. Pure and Simple" led by Extension Program Coordinator Marian Termini, Extension Educator Martha Ebbesmeyer, and Extension Educator Danielle Gapinski; Insect Heroes and Villains" led by Master Gardeners Phil Bratta and Marcia Heuer; "Hydroponics" led by Chelsea Eden and Oregon Ag students; "Harnessing the Wind" led by Extension Educator Johnna Jennings and Orion

and Raiden Zimmerman; "Going Whole Hog" led by Deb Ohlwine, Polo and Brady Shank, Sterling FFA student; and "Layers of Land," led by Brian Lindquist, Ogle County Soil and Water.

Participating classrooms represented Chadwick-Milledgeville School, Kings School, Monroe Center Grade School, Oregon Elementary School, and West Carroll Primary School.

## CITY: Rochelle officials discuss rising project costs

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Isley said higher project costs have made budgeting more difficult for his department, and that smaller operations at the street department such as roadway patchwork have seen 20 percent price increases as well.

With owning its own electric utility in Rochelle Municipal Utilities, the city has been impacted by not only price increases, but longer lead times as well on equipment such as transformers. The city recently completed a \$13.8 million electrical substation off Ritchie Road and

has another new substation project planned in the coming years which will be impacted by market changes.

RMU also has to keep equipment such as transformers and utility poles on hand to ensure reliability for customers in the case of storms. Fiegenschuh said cities such as Rochelle may soon start to buy inventory together with other municipalities to get better prices and to keep more inventory on hand with longer lead times.

BHMG Engineers Consulting Department Manager Jason Jackson

works with RMU on a number of projects including its most recent substation.

"The cost increases in the electric industry are not currently matching general US inflation," Jackson said. "This is mainly attributed to a shortage in manufacturing driving long lead times and causing the pricing to be based on the worth of the equipment, not on the cost to manufacture."

Fiegenschuh said his hope is that project costs don't continue to rise in the coming years. He believes other municipi-

palities like Rochelle are looking to get projects done sooner to avoid higher future costs, which has made demand rise, driving costs even higher.

"There's a lot of things at play that continue to cause these prices to go up," Fiegenschuh said. "I hope they don't continue to do so, because eventually what's going to happen is communities are going to say 'We know we have to do all this work,' but instead of a 20-year capital improvement plan, it's a 40-year CIP. The problem is a lot of the infrastructure was built to only last 20-30 years. It's

a very scary time right now. What's even more troublesome for me is the lead times, waiting three years to get equipment for your electric utility. Your customers can't be out of power for three years. You have to plan. We have to do street work and plow streets and make it work. You have to be better at planning."

Fiegenschuh said that up until a few years ago, project prices would usually come in at or under the engineer's estimate. Now, he says the city is "relieved" when bids come in at the engineer's estimate. Recently, bids

for phase two of RMU's wastewater treatment plant project came in at double the engineer's estimate, which caused the city to put the project on hold.

Despite project price increases, instances where the city put a project on hold due to cost have been few. Isley said that isn't an option in most cases.

"A lot of these things that we do are things that we have to do," Isley said. "We can't put these things off. We can't say, 'Sorry, your sidewalk's settled and it's a trip hazard.' We have to fix these things."

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# LOCAL VIEWS

## GUEST COLUMN

# Seeing others in action is inspiring for the soul

ONE of the reasons I enjoy living in Rochelle so much is how supportive our residents are of community organizations and community causes. One great example of this is local volunteer and business owner Ashley Patrick (AP Message Therapy). Recently Ashley, her husband Will and several volunteers hosted two community bingo events called Small Business Bingo at Salt 251. The events drew hundreds of people to network, play bingo and support very

important community organizations. The business community also stepped up to help. Over 80 local businesses donated gift baskets and gift cards to be handed out to the bingo winners. The inaugural event raised over \$4,510 for Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center. The most recent event raised over \$6,400 to benefit HOPE of Ogle County. In fact, Jim Withers, the owner of Salt 251, contributed over \$4,500 toward the total raised.

Ashley has two additional events planned for November at Flight Deck/Chicagoland Skydiving Center to benefit Foundation for Focus House & The Kitchen Table. Ashley and her team's dedication to our community is very inspiring and I am humbled by their ongoing commitment to supporting the nonprofit community. Speaking of community, it's time to start selling

From the Heart Calendars again. A big thank you to everyone who sold and purchased From the Heart Calendars last year. It was our most successful year yet and it is all due to so many volunteers in the community that give their time and talents to a cause greater than themselves. I have the pleasure of working with several of the groups that benefit from the calendar sales proceeds and the I know



Jeff Fiegenschuh

the dollars raised do great things in our community. Rochelle is blessed to have groups like the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Golden K and the Rochelle Community Foundation. Organizations such as these whose missions are dedicated to serve others are vital to a vibrant and growing community. If I've neglected to mention a group that is important to you, please call or email me and I will highlight them and their mission in a future article. We are so blessed to live in America.

My hope is that each of us will find new ways to work together to make our community and country better. To lift each other up and help those who are less fortunate. "There could be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others." -President George H.W. Bush "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." -Maya Angelou *Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, MPA, ICMA-CM, is the city manager of the City of Rochelle.*

# Consider this: Our country is under the gun

I guess too much is happening in the political arena to ignore it. I would rather do a piece on the UAW strike to show what the workers lost when the government provided the automotive industry with cheap loans to keep them from going bankrupt, and the workers agreed to a reduction in pay and benefits to save their jobs. Due to these efforts, the industry got back on its feet, but the workers still haven't since most still work at the lower wages and benefits. Maybe another article someday. It is not unheard of to have a small group of legislatures in either party to be on the fringe. It's happened in the Democratic party and is now front and center in the Republican party. But to have such a small group take over the whole party, as it seems to have, is an unusual occurrence. There are about a dozen fringe members that have the whole party and, it appears, the whole country in turmoil because they have ousted the previous Speaker of the House. Congress passed a

stopgap bill to avoid a government shutdown about eight days ago. The bill was for an extension of 45 days. That leaves about 37 days to do the job. Of course, that will be reduced by the number of days from the date I wrote this to the day on which a new speaker is appointed. Even now, some in congress are saying that the measure may take a while. All I know is that there are two running for the Speakership, unless you count Former President Trump who says he would be glad to take the position, for a short term, to help the party and the country. How can a third person be running to help the country? Short term means they'll need to appoint a permanent Speaker sometime down the road. Another delay. But until that short term is over, could Former President Trump work across party lines to get a bipartisan bill passed to fund the government for the benefit of the people? A bill that also must pass the Senate. If not, more delays, more sweat on the brows

of America's citizens, and more disfunction in Congress. In my eyes, the disfunction that has been happening for the past year or maybe longer, is happening for a reason. To cause the voters in our United States to begin to think that there must be another type of government that would work better. That is why in a past article of mine I mentioned that we, the voters, must clean house of those that would let our government be looked upon as dysfunctional. That is if we believe this to be true. One way you can determine this for yourself is to count the number of people working, or willing to work, across the aisle. Another subtle way there is trouble brewing is that GOP Republicans are pushing to have a Constitutional Convention. According to Common Cause, a Constitutional Convention can be called if 34 states support it. There are 28 states signed up at

this time. Read <https://www.commoncause.org/resource/u-s-constitution-threatened-as-article-v-convention-movement-nears-success/> to find out more. If six additional states sign up, the Constitution would be changed. How it would be changed is anyone's guess but if it were up to him, Former President Trump (on Truth Social) says he would just get rid of it. There are a lot of my friends and family wondering what we can do to make Congress, and the government in mass, better for the people of these United States. The only way we can is through our vote. But that means all of us who can vote doing something. Changing, ousting, improving. Not only federally, but also in the states and voting areas in which we live. We only ask to be equal to the billionaires that can have higher return on investments than we can, and that pay much less in tax than we do. We only



Reed Harris

want to pay a reasonable price for our goods plus a reasonable profit for the manufacturer. Not overpay because the manufacturers' top corporate controllers and backers want an unreasonable profit. Yet we do want everyone to be able to succeed in the country. That is what freedom is. I want people to succeed because of their hard work, not through my pain. I also want successful people to share in that success with the people who helped them. Mainly, their workers, but too their backers. I don't think any of us want the Federal Government to subsidize the fossil fuel industries unless they are using that money to develop ways to help reduce the need for fossil fuels. They make enough profit without our help. I think we all want to make at least 5-7 percent interest on our investments. A way to have nutritious food, nice clothes, and own a home. A way to put all children through college, if they want that. Trade schools are a great option and there are many

more options for learning. Yes, we all want to be free to make up our own minds and decide for ourselves. Any restrictions to this must be called upon by our collective voices, if, and only if, our decisions affect others. Otherwise, our decisions are ours only. No one should be able to have a book banned because of one or two voices. No one should be able to change history on a whim because it makes us look bad. There hasn't been a generation yet that in some way didn't look bad. These United States of America, our country, is under the proverbial gun. There are some Amendments that could be suggested. Some good ones have been suggested. But that doesn't mean throwing out the child with the bath water. Any other form of government than ours, will be one of horrendous rules, regulations, and laws that will keep us under a watchful eye and/or begging for something, anything. Maybe George Orwell's book will come true. It's all up to us!

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# COMMUNITY

## Malta UMC to host Roast Beef Dinner on Nov. 4

**MALTA** — The Malta United Methodist Church will host its annual Roast Beef Dinner – Drive Thru on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at South 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sprague Streets in Malta.

Menu includes beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, raspberry-applesauce jello Salad, fresh-baked rolls and assorted pies.

Tickets are adult dinner - \$20, king cut (double meat) - \$25, half portion - \$10. Advance ticket sales only - Tickets may be purchased from members or at Resource Bank (Malta Branch). Contact the church if any questions at 815-825-2118.

## Rochelle Rotary presents Buzzed by Sonset Nov. 17

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Rotary Club will host a fundraiser for the Rochelle Community Action Network (CAN)'s annual Christmas shopping trip for local kids in need at Salt 251 on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5-8 p.m. Buzzed by Sonset will perform at the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$20 each and \$30 for two tickets. Appetizers are included and there will be a cash bar.

The event is presented by the Rochelle Rotary Club, Peterson Johnson Murray and BHMG Engineers.

## Creston Road closure begins Thursday, Oct. 12

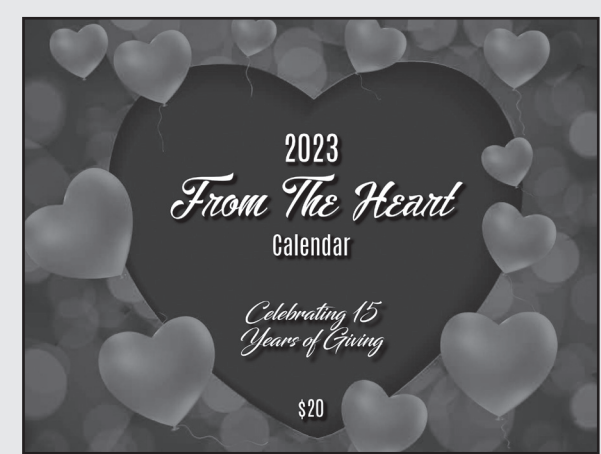
**ROCHELLE** — City of Rochelle Engineer Sam Tesreau, has announced the closure of Creston Road between the Interstate 39 overpass and Dement Road for pavement removal and reconstruction. The closure begins Thursday, Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 16, so long as weather allows.

Advance warning, detour and other temporary traffic control devices will be posted near the affected area. Please use caution while traveling in this area and pay special attention to the advanced warning signage, road closed signage and other temporary traffic control devices within or in advance of the work zone. The city appreciates your patience during this project.

## Chana UMC Family Clothes Closet established new hours

**CHANA** — Chana Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church is open for anyone needing free clothing and accessories. New hours have been established for the new season. The Closet is available Tuesday from 1-5 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday hours are being added the first and third Saturdays of November and December from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 815-732-7683 before your arrival. Custom hours are available by calling 815-732-7683.

The Family Closet offers clothing from birth to 4X large. Accessories, shoes, undergarments, hats, all including many new, never been used items and gently-used items freshly washed. Fall and winter items are now available and waiting. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend! Great for finding items for winter and Christmas items for your families! We look forward to meeting you!



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Oct. 11

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Oct. 12

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Oct. 13

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Oct. 14

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Oct. 15

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Oct. 17

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Oct. 25

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# Coffee Break

## King Crossword

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1 Big mouth

4 Scoundrel

7 Actress Rogers

8 Underneath

10 Choir member

11 Loves to pieces

13 Woven containers

16 Raw mineral

17 Levels

18 Cistern

19 Pet food brand

20 Feel sorry for

21 Answers an invitation

23 Sandbox toys

25 Dandies

26 Billions of years

27 Simile part

28 Egypt's Mubarak

30 Pallid

33 Company codes used at a stock exchange

36 Journalist Bly

37 Bakery smell

38 Japanese wrestlers

39 Minnelli of "Arthur"

DOWN

1 Chop finely

2 Out of control

3 Spy's device

4 Fragrant wood

5 At — for words

6 Dweeb

7 Israel's Golda

8 Innocents

9 Cotton pest

10 Tango team

12 Sports figures

14 Eyeglass frames

15 Pigs' digs

19 Hosp. hook-ups

20 Math ratios

21 Cello bow

22 Parking spots

23 Shetland, for one

24 Cracker shapes

25 Corpulent

26 Road curves

28 Big wheels at sea

29 Hunter in the sky

30 Lightheaded

31 Mater lead-in

32 Code-breaking gp.

34 Heidi of "Project Runway"

35 Vivacity, in music

40 AOL rival

41 Tofu source

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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: V equals F

FLBP ZLXSGH WI PLI VBKXYDPI  
VYSDPE WIKIYBJI XV OLSYOL  
TITWIYZ FLX BYIR'P XYHBDRIH?  
GBETBR-BHI.

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King Crossword

Answers

8 9 1 4 6 2 3 7 5  
6 7 2 3 8 5 4 1 9  
3 5 4 1 7 9 8 2 6  
4 2 3 8 5 1 6 9 7  
1 8 5 6 9 7 2 4 3  
9 6 7 2 3 4 5 8 1  
7 3 9 5 2 8 1 6 4  
5 4 8 9 1 6 7 3 2  
1 2 9 4 7 3 6 5 8

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

CryptoQuip

Answers

What should be the favorite fruit beverage of church members who aren't ordained? Layman-ade.



# ASHTON NEWS



## Ashton-Franklin Center students test their reaction times

Mrs. Penick's Ashton-Franklin Center High School Algebra I class collected statistical data by testing their reaction time. Students measured when they caught a dropped ruler while doing various activities. For example, standing on two feet vs. one foot, dominant hand vs. non-dominant hand, one eye closed vs. both eyes opened. Even Mrs. Penick got in on the action.



## Nelson, O'Brien named AFC Raiders of the Week

Kaylee Nelson (cheerleading) and Logan O'Brien (football) were recently named the the Ashton-Franklin Center High School Raiders of the Week. The weekly award is sponsored by Rooney's, Rev on 38, New Creations Construction, Mimini's General Store, Ralphie & Lulu's, Hueber Feeds, The Huddle Cage, tmg designs and AFC Athletic Boosters. "[Kaylee] was selected by her coach for her exceptional spirit during Homecoming week, choreographing the cheer routine for the football game, and setting a great example of respect and leadership throughout the week," an AFC district Facebook post said. "Congratulations, Kaylee!" "[Logan] was selected by his coach for being a great teammate both on and off the field," a district Facebook post said. "Logan brings positivity and always gives 100 percent. He always has a great attitude and it spreads to those around him. Congratulations, Logan!"



## Lee County Sheriff's Office announces enforcement results

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office released the results of supplementary enforcement efforts conducted via the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program. The STEP campaign ran from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023.

Lee County Sheriff's deputies issued 231 citations and made 20 arrests. Activity included: 126 speeding citations, 20 occupant restraint citations, 54 electronic use citations, two driving under the influence arrests, 31 other

citations, 7 traffic arrests and 11 criminal arrests.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office participated in this effort to save lives by focusing on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

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

## Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove garage sale is Oct. 20-21

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove, at the corner of Walnut and South Streets, is preparing for their "garage sale" in the basement. This sale includes a large selection of clothing, many with original tags.

There are many scarves, belts, shoes, boots, purses, jewelry and ties. There are even two detached mink collars.

Several small kitchen appliances, six sturdy chairs, books, puzzles and craft supplies and books are

also available. Unlike many previous sales, this one offers lots of baby clothes, baby swing, bouncy seat, activity centers, and two booster seats.

Don't miss this one! Store prices have gone up but our prices have not.

Sale dates are Oct. 20 and 21. Friday hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to at least 1 p.m. The members and friends of the church would like to thank the many who donate and/or purchase items at their biannual sales.

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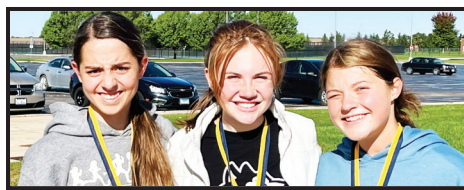
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# SPORTS



## LADY HUB TRIO MEDALS

Three Rochelle Lady Hub runners earned medals at the Sterling Invitational.

See page 2 for more details

## RTHS Football

# Rochelle rolls over Sandwich

First-half shutout headlines 40-13 road win against Indians on Friday night

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SANDWICH**—There were holes left and right for sophomore fullback Roman Villalobos as the Rochelle Hub varsity football team continued its dominant start to conference play this season.

Villalobos rushed 12 times for 86 yards and two touchdowns as the Hubs accumulated nearly all of their 356 total yards during the first half of their Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Conference battle against Sandwich on Friday evening. Rochelle also made big plays on defense and special teams, intercepting a pass in the endzone and recovering an onside kick as the Hubs cruised over the Indians 40-13. Rochelle (5-2, 4-0 I-8/KRC Blue) will host Plano next Friday.

“Our line was blocking well and we were paying attention to all of the little details,” Villalobos said. “I have to thank the offensive line for all of my touchdowns and for all of the yards we had. I knew that I had to be ready when my number was called and I knew that I had to step up for my team. I saw big holes and great blocks and I

was running through all of the gaps.”

The Hubs received the first-half kickoff and showed no signs of struggle on offense, moving the ball 51 yards on eight plays and scoring on a 3-yard touchdown run from Villalobos to take the early lead. Sandwich went nowhere on its opening drive, with junior defensive lineman Kaiden Morris making two tackles at the line of scrimmage to force the Indians to punt the ball away.

Rochelle continued to assert itself on the ground during its next possession, reaching the red zone after a 27-yard rush from junior tailback Grant Gensler, who had a team-high 90 rushing yards on 10 carries in the win. Gensler’s run set the table for an 8-yard touchdown run from freshman wingback Dylan Manning, who bulldozed a Sandwich defender for the score. The Hubs, who were 5-for-5 on two-point conversions, went ahead 16-0 after the Manning run.

Sandwich runningback Nick Michalek rushed for two first downs on the next Indian drive, but the Hub defense stood its



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Rochelle Hub defenders Isaac Lopez (left), Ethan Goodwin (above) and Kaiden Morris (below) combine to tackle Sandwich’s Parker Anderson during Friday’s varsity football game.

ground once again, with junior defensive lineman Ryan Senne notching two tackles for loss that forced Sandwich to punt once again. A series of healthy runs from Villalobos led to a 1-yard touchdown run

from Gensler that helped Rochelle go up 24-0.

“We were focused throughout the week and our biggest focus was that, when people watch us play, they know we’re the Rochelle Hubs,” junior

lineman Colton Czeka said. “We changed our defense up from last season and our defense has been a main focus throughout practice. It’s nice that we’ve won all of these games, but we

have to put those wins behind us and move on to next week. We have Plano for Senior Night and we know that’s going to be a big game.”

See HUBS page 3

## Rochelle Junior Tackle



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

The Rochelle Junior Tackle eighth-graders finished second in the Big 14 Conference this season. Rochelle went 8-1 over nine games after falling 28-14 against Byron in the championship game on Saturday. The team includes Aidan Lopez, Braylon Wells, Cohen Haedt, AJ Milan, Maddox Hueramo, Zachary Johnson, Tyson Pavlak, Luke Chadwick, Bo Lundquist, Ethan Sturges, Tyson Carmichael, Dominick Joyce, John Williams, Jace Spears, Andrew Eyster, Caiden Redlarczyk, Levi McGee, Xzavier Cepeda, Eli Schweitzer, Jax Sullivan, Carter Gallagher, Jesus Garcia, Isaac Bautista, D’Amontae Andrews, Levi Moore, Reese Voight, Logan Brandt, Jacob Rodriguez, Sebastian Albertson, Brayden Harley, Zander Griner, Jayden Nava-Barrientos, Holden Liebhaber, Miguel Carrillo, Owen Wyssbrod and Dylan Melvin.

# Season concludes with Big 14 Conference games

## Three Rochelle football teams earn second-place finishes after weekend action

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Junior Tackle teams concluded the 2023 season with the Big 14 Conference Championship and Consolation games over the weekend. Rochelle saw three teams finish second in the con-

ference, while the sixth-graders earned a fourth-place finish.

### 8th Grade

Rochelle faced Byron for the Big 14 Championship at Helms Park on Saturday, falling 28-14 to finish the season with an 8-1 record. The Junior Hubs fell behind 16-0

after Byron rushed for a 2-yard touchdown and a 7-yard touchdown during the opening quarter. Rochelle’s first-quarter highlights included a 25-yard pass from quarterback Cohen Haedt to tight end Tyson Pavlak.

Running Back Caiden Redlarczyk broke off a 14-yard run during the

second quarter to spark the Rochelle offense. The Junior Hub defense stepped up during the third quarter, where Luke Chadwick forced a fumble that Pavlak recovered to give Rochelle possession of the ball. Rochelle scored its first touchdown late in the third quarter, with Haedt hitting Pavlak for

a 16-yard competition before connecting again on a 25-yard scoring strike shortly after.

Byron took a 22-8 lead after a 26-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. Rochelle answered during the fourth quarter, when Haedt and Pavlak linked up for another touchdown pass, this time from 5 yards

out to bring the Junior Hubs within one score. Byron clinched its win with a 31-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter. Pavlak finished with five receptions for 78 yards, while Andrew Eyster compiled a team-leading nine tackles for the defense.

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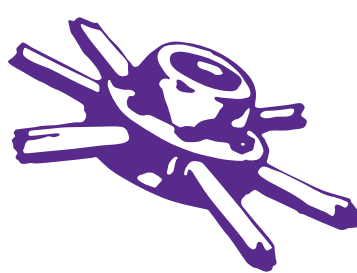


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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Sophomores Annaliese Koziol, Rose Luxton and Mary Chadwick (left to right) all earned medals during the Sterling Invitational on Saturday.

## Lady Hub trio medals at Sterling Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

**STERLING** — Four members of the Rochelle Township High School cross country team brought home medals from the annual Sterling Invitational at Hoover Park on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomores Annaliese Koziol, Rose Luxton and Mary Chadwick all earned medalist honors for the Lady Hubs in the 3-mile fresh-soph race on Saturday. Koziol finished second out of 30 runners with a time of 20:25.80, while Luxton and Chadwick placed 13th and 14th with respective times of 24:03.20 and 24:04.50. Junior Bridgett Ramirez was the lone athlete who competed in the varsity race for the Lady Hubs, finishing 67th with a time of 26:15.08.

Sophomore Declan McGee brought home medalist honors for the Hubs in the fresh-soph race on Saturday, finishing eighth out of 60 runners with a time of 17:36.60 and leading Rochelle to a sixth-place team finish out of nine schools. Sophomore Elijah Mayen finished 27th with a time of 19:06.30, while sophomore Levi Waddle placed 32nd in the 3-mile race with a time of 19:31.20.

Senior Luis Hernandez represented the Hubs in the varsity race, finishing 35th out of 87 runners with a time of 16:46.80. Rochelle will travel for the Interstate 8 Conference meet at Morris High School on Saturday, Oct. 14 before competing in the IHSA 2A Kaneland Regional on Saturday, Oct. 21.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Senior Luis Hernandez took 35th in the varsity race to lead the Rochelle Hub cross country team on Saturday.



# SPORTS



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Several Rochelle Hub football players paid tribute to longtime Rochelle Junior Tackle coach Colin Troha after their 40-13 win over Sandwich on Friday night. Troha recently passed away after battling stomach cancer. The players wore T-shirts that spelt out “For Colin” in honor of Troha. Above from left to right are juniors Colton Czekala, Carson Lewis and Jack Pavlak along with sophomore Brode Metzger and seniors Brock Metzger and Tommy Tourdot.

## HUBS: Varsity team moves to 5-2 with win over Sandwich

From page 1

Rochelle’s kickoff coverage team gave the Hubs the football right back, with senior Riley Damask successfully recovering an onside kick that led to another scoring drive that was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run from Villalobos. The drive featured two lengthy runs from the freshman wingback Manning, who had 55 rushing yards on seven carries in the victory.

The Indians moved the

ball deep into Rochelle territory late in the first half, taking advantage of a 15-yard penalty against the Hubs to set up just outside the Rochelle red zone. But after three straight run stops, Sandwich was forced into a fourth-and-4 down and elected to challenge the Hub secondary with a pass into the endzone. Junior cornerback Xavier Villalobos was on the money, however, gaining position and leaping for an interception that resulted in a touchback.

Looking to score one more touchdown before halftime, Rochelle went to the air for a pair of big passing plays. Junior quarterback Carson Lewis connected with senior wide receiver Cayden Moore for a 25-yard gain before launching a 40-yard bomb to junior wide receiver Elijah Harley, who made a leaping catch over a Sandwich defensive back to set the Hubs up with a first-and-goal scenario. Senior wide receiver Tommy Tourdot took a jet sweep

into the endzone for a 3-yard touchdown, with Villalobos adding the conversion to give Rochelle a 40-0 lead.

Sandwich avoided the shutout with two second-half rushing touchdowns including a 32-yarder from running back Simeion Harris and an 18-yarder from Michalek. Five Rochelle players tied for the team lead with four tackles including Gensler and Moore along with senior linebacker Brock Metzger, junior linebacker Brandyn

Metzger and senior defensive end Omar Hueramo.

### Fresh/Soph

The Rochelle Hub freshman football team continued its dominant start to the 2023 season on Friday, defeating Sandwich 50-6 to remain undefeated and perfect in the Interstate 8/ Kishwaukee River Conference. Rochelle (6-0, 4-0 I-8/ KRC Blue) will host Plano this coming Friday.

Sophomore Brenden Voight rushed for three touchdowns in the win,

reaching the end zone on rushes of 7 yards, 6 yards and 1 yard. Sophomore Van Gerber added a 76-yard touchdown run and a 35-yard touchdown pass to freshman Keegan Cathina. Freshmen Connor Lewis and Angel Argueta each rushed for one touchdown to aid the Rochelle offense.

Sophomore Wyatt Worthington finished with eight tackles including two tackles for loss to spearhead the charge for the Rochelle defense. Freshman Brody Bruns added six tackles.

### RTHS Girls Tennis

## Rochelle netters finish sixth at Interstate 8 tournament

### Zheng takes fourth in No. 1 singles bracket to lead Lady Hubs on Saturday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

OTTAWA — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team took sixth out of six schools during the Interstate 8 Conference Championship tournament on Saturday afternoon.

Rochelle (6-9, 0-5 Interstate 8) will host the IHSA 1A Sectional at RTHS this coming Friday and

Saturday.

Senior Elin Zheng led the Lady Hubs at the conference tournament, taking fourth place in the No. 1 singles bracket with a 1-2 record. Zheng opened the tournament with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Sycamore’s Jenny Ni before claiming four games in her 4-6, 0-6 loss against Morris’ Julia Borgstrom in the semifinals. Zheng faced

Kaneland’s Ellie Taylor for third place, falling 1-6, 6-7.

Senior Kara Martinez finished fifth in the No. 2 singles bracket with a 1-1 record. Martinez took five games in a 4-6, 1-6 loss against LaSalle-Peru’s Eva Cervantes to start the tournament, but the senior bounced back with a 6-0, 7-6(5) win over Kaneland’s Kaci Randall for fifth place.

Juniors Kitty Williams

and Erin Murphy combined to take fifth place in the No. 3 doubles bracket on Saturday. The Rochelle duo went 1-1 over two matches, conceding a 1-6, 4-6 loss against Morris netters Harmony Heisterman and Miranda Muffler before defeating Kaneland’s Nola Noring and Keara Richardson 6-2, 6-3 to finish the tournament on a positive note.

Junior Riley Doyle and senior Macenzie Glosser finished sixth in the No. 1 doubles bracket with an 0-2 record. The Lady Hubs went three sets against Kaneland’s Lauren Andrews and Abby Grams, falling just short in a 6-4, 1-6, 1-6 defeat. Doyle and Glosser concluded the tournament with a 2-6, 3-6 loss to Morris netters Meghan Bzdill and Shreya

Patel in the fifth-place match.

Seniors Annaleigh McKinney and Allison Dickey went 0-2 over two matches to finish sixth in the No. 2 doubles bracket. The Rochelle combo took two games in a 1-6, 1-6 loss against Morris netters Ava Conley and Callie Fulkerson before falling 0-6, 2-6 against Kaneland’s Elena Gooch and Lauren Babka.

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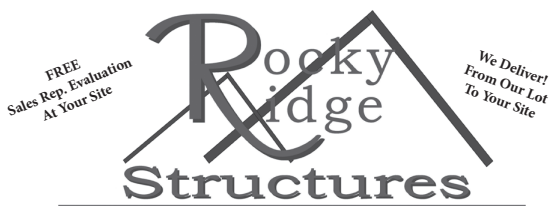


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<b>NOTICE</b> DELINQUENT TAX LIST NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR JUDGMENT AND ORDER FOR SALE  PURSUANT TO THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED AS COUNTY COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF OGLE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WILL ON THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023 APPLY TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, AGAINST WHICH THERE ARE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR 2023 AND THE YEARS PRIOR DUE SEVERALLY THEREON; ALSO FOR JUDG- MENT FIXING THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF ANY TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST AND THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL AT THE TIME AFORE- SAID REQUEST THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AN ORDER TO SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MO- BILE HOMES AS HEREIN AFTER DESCRIBED, FOR THE SATISFACTION OF THE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT TAXES; TOGETHER WITH ALL INTEREST AND COST DUE THEREON; PUBLIC NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY COLLECTOR, PUR- SUANT TO AN ORDER THAT SAID CIRCUIT COURT MAY ISSUE, WILL SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES AT PUBLIC SALE AT THE COURT HOUSE IN OREGON, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR 2023 AND THE YEARS PRIOR ON ALL, PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS THEREON, SAID SALE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023 COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M. THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, TOGETHER WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE HOMES AND THE AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2022, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND THE YEARS PRIOR SO DUE, BEING AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: Dement Parcel Count: 21		24-14-404-007	\$3,721.66		PATRICIA LOUISE		22-08-127-026	\$193.03	DEUTSCH,
		CARMICHAEL, DANIEL			24-25-127-004	\$585.87	RODRIGUEZ,		DOUGLAS A SR & AN
		24-14-455-017	\$8,756.30	SULLIVAN,	MARIA		22-08-127-045	\$166.89	TARRANT,
		JASON & RHONDA			24-25-127-014	\$1,225.79	SERRANO-		JOHN & KATHLEEN
		24-14-484-008	\$7,444.69	HANCOCK,	GONZALES, AURELIO		22-08-130-001	\$193.03	SPRINGER,
		MARJORIE			24-25-130-004	\$902.96	AGUILERA,		DAVID A & CHARIS
		24-16-402-010	\$2,401.38	FITZGERALD,	FIDEL		22-08-131-004	\$193.03	BLAKE,
		JAMES			24-25-151-003	\$1,964.24	MARADEI,		MARVIN S & PHYLLIS
		24-16-403-007	\$279.36	RAMSEY,	WADE		22-08-151-012	\$724.98	SLOBODNIK,
		HERMAN & RAMSEY, L			24-25-152-001	\$1,222.38	TRUMBULL,		FRANCINE BARBAR
		24-16-403-008	\$322.19	RAMSEY,	ROBERT		22-08-177-035	\$3,445.05	JEPSEN,
		HERMAN & RAMSEY, L			24-25-203-005	\$2,908.32	BRADFORD,		SCOTT
		24-17-128-001	\$934.91	HILL,	NATASHA		22-08-179-015	\$136.95	SPEARS,
		KATHRYN			24-25-254-005	\$3,613.78	FULGENCIO,		BRIAN & KAREN
		24-17-129-007	\$719.55	HILL,	IGNACIO & YASMI		22-08-181-001	\$72.12	BASS, JAMES
		KATHRYN			24-25-279-007	\$1,053.89	JONES,		RAYMOND & COX,
		24-17-351-006	\$5,782.65	RAMSEY,	KEENAN		22-08-181-002	\$72.12	BASS, JAMES
		HERMAN L & KATHY L			24-25-329-003	\$3,422.71			RAYMOND & COX,
		24-17-352-009	\$3,764.38	CZAPLINSKI,	MONTELONGO, JUAN JR & MARI		22-08-183-007	\$136.95	TARRANT,
		EWA & ALOJZY			24-25-330-019	\$3,881.12	ABDALLAH,		TOM
		24-18-426-013	\$7,127.15	JIMENEZ,	HELALEH & FAWAZ		22-08-183-012	\$4,469.66	FREDERICK,
		ROSITA			24-25-331-001	\$30,340.76	SCHULTZ,		WILLIAM E & COL
		24-20-200-004	\$3,604.92	HORNER,	RICHARD A & CYNTH		22-08-201-011	\$193.03	MARTIN,
		DON M & ADAH M			24-25-331-002	\$8,696.60	SCHULTZ,		THOMAS L & MARY LO
		24-20-478-008	\$4,024.48	TURCIOS,	RICHARD A & CYNTH		22-08-202-005	\$86.77	HALLOW,
		EDGARDO & VALENCI			24-25-331-003	\$8,696.60	SCHULTZ,		MICHAEL
		24-21-200-002	\$893.93	MARTINEZ,	RICHARD A & CYNTH		22-08-202-006	\$86.77	HALLOW,
		STEVE & COLLINS,			24-25-331-004	\$8,627.38	SCHULTZ,		MICHAEL
		24-22-400-013	\$159.72	PASQUESI	RICHARD A & CYNTH		22-08-203-006	\$2,782.30	HARRIS
		FARMS LLC DBA MI			24-25-403-012	\$1,350.61	ABDALLAH,		BANK HINSDALE
		24-22-400-015	\$441,583.70	PASQUESI	REHANA		22-08-226-008	\$2,474.26	SAINT
		FARMS LLC DBA MI			24-25-427-001	\$221.95	CITY OF		IGNATIUS COLLEGE PRE
		24-23-230-010	\$1,920.73	SHANK,	ROCHELLE		22-08-227-006	\$99.56	HALLOW,
		JOHN D & MARIA E			24-26-228-001	\$812.87	HERNANDEZ,		MICHAEL
		24-23-230-024	\$4,804.41	KOMADINA,	JUAN		22-08-229-001	\$182.91	BLANKENSHIP, ORVILLE & SHE
		LEE ANN			24-26-232-005	\$15,244.74	ROBERSON,		22-08-229-004
		24-23-280-003	\$1,993.46	GOVEA,	MARI LYNN		RADOSLAW	\$465.75	CZUPRYNA ,
		RICHARD & MARGARET			24-26-277-009	\$1,247.14	CALDERON,		22-08-229-005
		24-23-300-002	\$2,628.76	CERVANTES	MARCOS		RADOSLAW	\$1,629.38	CZUPRYNA ,
		TRUCKING INC			24-28-102-012	\$481.67	INMAN,		22-08-229-006
		24-23-300-003	\$525.54	CERVANTES	CASSANDRA		RADOSLAW	\$99.56	CZUPRYNA ,
		TRUCKING INC			24-28-105-002	\$5,638.26	NIEVES,		22-08-229-006
		24-23-452-004	\$830.66	DUDZIAK,	JOSE & GARCIA, VAN		RADOSLAW	\$8,504.79	LIVINSPIRED
		WALTER H & RODERI			24-28-106-011	\$4,292.67	DAVIDSON		22-08-230-001
		24-23-477-002	\$1,541.76	TAYLOR,	OF CRESTON LLC		22-08-252-014	\$72.12	HUNT,
		ZACHARY			24-32-300-004	\$2,609.36	LOCKWOOD,		RICHARD
		24-23-477-010	\$2,757.15	KRAMER,	CHARLES R & C A		22-08-252-020	\$136.95	CORK,
		RAYMOND W & JANET			24-32-401-007	\$1,295.86	WHEELER,		SHAWN
		24-23-480-004	\$262.93	JOHNSON,	MAX		22-08-252-021	\$136.95	CORK,
		JORDAN			24-36-202-002	\$1,033.19	SPRIGGS,		SHAWN
		24-23-483-010	\$1,676.09	MURILLO,	CONSUELO & MARION		22-08-252-030	\$136.95	STOCKFLETH,
		GERARDO			24-36-228-011	\$1,180.84	VASQUEZ,		22-08-252-030
		24-24-102-005	\$1,719.88	MONROY,	HUMBERTO & BELMON		DONALD & LU AN	\$193.03	PACIS,
		EMILIO MANUEL			24-36-231-013	\$4,377.08	22-08-253-007		IMELDA H & PALMA,
		24-24-106-011	\$2,319.21	DAME,	SANDRA A & RIHA,		22-08-254-003	\$122.34	VIVIANO,
		ROBERT W & CATHIE L			24-36-351-006	\$28,791.48	JEFFERY		22-08-254-003
		24-24-126-040	\$7,650.27	NUYEN,	PROPERTY LLC		22-08-255-001	\$136.95	TARRANT,
		JONATHAN & OCELIA M			24-36-352-008	\$4,545.91	TOM		22-08-255-001
		24-24-126-041	\$949.67	NUYEN,	JAMES C AND SUZ		22-08-257-002	\$341.24	GARDNER,
		JONATHAN & OCELIA M			Lafayette Parcel Count: 1		LEDA & BARTOS, S		22-08-326-002
		24-24-127-054	\$1,926.79	TRINGO,	23-03-400-008	\$3,275.91	JIMENEZ,	\$136.95	MBW, P.C.
		BARI			JESUS & DIANA LAU		22-08-327-003	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		24-24-128-001	\$3,944.35	AVILA,	Lynnville Parcel Count: 5		BRADLEY A & MERRIL	\$1,433.60	BATTEN,
		RAMIRO & CAMPOS, J			19-05-127-018	\$1,447.52	22-08-327-004	\$1,433.60	BRADLEY A & MERRIL
		24-24-152-015	\$904.26	PETRY, ERIK	W		22-08-327-005	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		G & MARY			19-05-127-030	\$2,969.61	BRADLEY A & MERRIL	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		24-24-152-020	\$2,526.36	COTOVSKY,	DONALD JR & DORR		22-08-327-015	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		GREGORY L & JENN			19-05-176-006	\$3,007.46	BRADLEY A & MERRIL	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		24-24-158-010	\$2,239.68	FAGAN, R	A & ELOISE A	\$328.36	22-08-327-016	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		24-24-179-006	\$1,924.04	HAARS,	19-05-379-002		BRADLEY A & MERRIL	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		HARVEY			SCHERRINSKY, DOUGLAS		22-08-327-017	\$72.12	BATTEN,
		24-24-187-002	\$3,308.60	MORSE, DAN	19-14-300-001	\$4,513.46	BRADLEY A & MERRIL	\$136.95	CARROLL,
		& TAMMY			LINE PORK LLC,		22-08-327-025	\$136.95	CHARLES
		24-24-201-009	\$24,765.01	ROCHELLE	Monroe Parcel Count: 24		22-08-327-030	\$136.95	CHICAGO
		COMMONS, LLC,			12-01-100-005	\$3,806.16	TITLE & TRUST	\$136.95	MARTINEZ,
		24-24-203-011	\$1,945.63	MORRISON,	GENE J SR. & DO	\$72.56	22-08-330-015	\$136.95	FIDEL C & S P
		STACY & MORRISO			12-02-200-002		22-08-402-003	\$136.95	DUBLIN, ERIC
		24-24-301-004	\$2,992.03	RISSMAN,	GENE J SR. & DO	\$1,298.64	22-08-402-004	\$136.95	DUBLIN, ERIC
		JESSICA & MATTHEW			12-03-300-002	\$1,298.64	22-08-402-007	\$72.12	MATTHEW & LAURA
		24-24-304-010	\$4,836.95	TWEEDY, W	DENNIS		22-08-402-013	\$136.95	POVERTY NOW INC
		ROBERT & CATHLEE			12-06-100-012	\$7,687.39	22-08-404-007	\$136.95	ELAINE
		24-24-306-008	\$4,194.34	MIDDLETON,	DINO & VALORIE	\$2,422.29	22-08-406-001	\$136.95	EDUARDO
		CHARLES			12-07-100-018		22-08-406-002	\$136.95	EDUARDO
		24-24-307-004	\$1,684.25	RUSSELL,	LOOKINGLAND, MICHAEL	\$3,148.82	22-08-406-008	\$136.95	CHANCE E & BETTENHA
		DIANA			12-16-200-008		22-08-406-019	\$136.95	& JENNIFER
		24-24-307-005	\$2,829.88	RUSSELL,	POINT HOLDINGS CORP	\$1,736.20	22-08-406-021	\$136.95	POVERTY NOW INC
		DIANA			12-17-426-001		22-08-406-038	\$136.95	& JENNIFER
		24-24-309-004	\$1,185.41	FURMAN,	DENNIS	\$2,933.58	22-08-427-006	\$136.95	STANISLAUS BISHOP & MAR
		LUKE & MAE A			12-18-100-001		22-08-428-002	\$136.95	KENNETH L SR & JANE
		24-24-310-003	\$1,091.72	GLORIA	AMES TRUST	\$5,280.83	22-08-428-004	\$136.95	KENNETH L SR & JANE
		ESTELA MEZA LIVING			12-18-100-003		22-08-429-004	\$166.89	STEVEN M & DANA M
		24-24-310-010	\$1,138.54	GARCIA,	AMES TRUST	\$201.22	22-08-430-001	\$136.95	LARRY J & MARY J
		MARIA E & LOPEZ, M			12-18-100-005		22-08-430-002	\$136.95	LARRY J & MARY J
		24-24-311-006	\$1,392.20	ERDMAN,	AMES TRUST	\$757.36	22-08-430-011	\$72.12	WILFRED C & CELIA C
		SHANE			12-18-100-006		22-08-430-014	\$136.95	DENNIS A & YVETTE A
		24-24-312-001	\$1,776.87	ROUBISSOFF,	AMES TRUST	\$2,221.39	22-08-433-017	\$205.73	& CARLA
		JOHN			12-19-401-018		22-08-451-010	\$136.95	J & ANGELA I D
		24-24-330-007	\$2,198.90	MURRAY,	MATTHEW	\$1,283.48	22-08-451-021	\$136.95	J & ANGELA I D
		TABITHA			12-19-402-004		22-08-451-022	\$136.95	J & ANGELA I D
		24-24-333-011	\$1,381.26		LUANNE	\$2,434.77	22-08-453-006	\$128.11	JOSETTE & JOHN
		SCHUMACHER, DENNIS			12-19-427-004		22-08-476-018	\$156.28	CHUPP, JOHN
		24-24-337-006	\$1,747.87	SHANNON,	& MONA		22-08-477-012	\$136.95	TANECO,
		GREGORY			12-19-451-009	\$302.57	22-08-478-001	\$136.95	SUKBORIBOON, SAWONG B & SA
		24-24-339-013	\$3,521.52	SALAZAR,	12-19-476-001	\$4,602.96	22-08-478-013	\$136.95	CHRISTOPHER & RA
		JAIME			RICHARD		22-08-478-016	\$136.95	SUKBORIBOON, SAWONG B & SA
		24-24-339-016	\$2,352.15	ALDO'S PIZZA	12-20-300-009	\$2,253.97	22-09-101-008	\$136.95	BARRY R & PAMELA J
		& PASTA, INC			DENNIS	\$7,517.53	22-09-101-010	\$136.95	BARRY R & PAMELA J
		24-24-340-005	\$1,247.43	EGP	12-21-300-005				
		PROPERTIES LLC			DENNIS	\$917.16			
		24-24-353-002	\$2,543.73		12-21-427-001				
		BRIDGEFORTH, MARY JEAN			MICHAEL	\$4,554.94			
		24-24-376-009	\$4,010.22	NUYEN,	12-21-477-001				
		JONATHAN & OCELIA M			STEPHANIE	\$1,360.88			



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22-09-107-013	\$1,399.02	WENTLING, WILLIAM D & MARY
22-09-107-014	\$79.40	WENTLING, WILLIAM D & MARY
22-09-126-009	\$193.03	ELLIS, LARRY D & TIA L
22-09-126-015	\$136.95	WILSON, JOHN & NAGY, FRANK
22-09-127-012	\$72.12	SPRIGGS, MARION & CONSUELO
22-09-129-006	\$47.42	RADIAN REAL ESTATE SERVICE
22-09-176-002	\$72.12	BURDIN, BYRON & SYLVIA
22-09-176-003	\$2,182.23	BURDIN, BYRON & SYLVIA
22-09-176-011	\$72.12	KIRBY, JEFFREY
22-09-176-012	\$99.56	KIRBY, JEFFREY
22-09-176-017	\$72.12	SHROYER, JARED
22-09-177-009	\$99.56	SHROYER, JARED & HEATHER
22-09-327-006	\$3,498.17	PICKETT, LAURIE
22-09-329-009	\$550.04	FRUEH, RICHARD & DEBORAH T
22-09-351-018	\$137.04	CAVE, JORGE L & HEATHER A
22-09-352-007	\$72.16	LUCY MATULEWICZ REVOCABLE
22-09-352-017	\$134.41	LUCY MATULEWICZ REVOCABLE
White Rock Parcel Count: 8		
18-07-100-021	\$2,223.89	CHUDOBA, RICHARD T & CYNTH
18-08-451-005	\$6,050.25	GIANNINI, ALBERT
18-08-451-007	\$502.74	PETERSON, STEVEN
18-08-452-004	\$3,421.54	HOLTZ, JOHN D & MELODY L
18-08-452-005	\$3,708.73	HOLTZ, JOHN D & MELODY L
18-12-200-001	\$538.96	HAWKINS, CHRISTINE
18-27-178-003	\$3,046.78	CESARONE, ALEXANDRA IRENE
18-32-200-004	\$4,209.83	ETES, SCOTT & HEADON, CASS
Total Parcel Count: 278		
Flagg Township Mobile Home Count: 7		
24-40-50-086-0	\$179.30	LOERA, IRMA
Address: SHANGI LA MOBILE HOME PARK		
7171 S LILAC LOT 86 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 1413 Model		
Year: 1974 Sq. Ft.: 924		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-50-093-0	\$168.50	GARCIA, GUSTAVO LOPEZ, CYNTHIA
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME PARK		
7142 S LILAC LN LOT 93 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: FE175760		
Model Year: 1972 Sq. Ft.: 780		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-50-096-0	\$196.40	MARTINEZ, IRMA
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME		
7121 S LILAC LN LOT 96 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: BE-2043F		
Model Year: 1971 Sq. Ft.: 1152		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-50-132-0	\$183.50	ROCHA, ARTURO & MARIA
Address: SHANGRI LA MOBILE HOME		
TRLR 132 7033 S SUNFLOWER LANE ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: SHANGRI LA VIN: 27005 Model		
Year: 1974 Sq. Ft.: 980		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-60-028-0	\$164.00	SANTOS, HORTENSIA
Address: TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE HOME		
PK 800 TREATMENT PLANT RD LOT 28 ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: TOWN & COUNTRY VIN: B2KC85302		
Model Year: 1968 Sq. Ft.: 720		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-70-007-0	\$164.00	GONZALEZ, STEVEN
Address: ROLLING GREEN MOBILE HOME		
PARK 112 E MEADOWLAND DR ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: ROLLING GREEN VIN: 251703478		
Model Year: 1972 Sq. Ft.: 720		
Del Years: 2023		
24-40-70-072-0	\$183.50	BARRAZA, JOSE
Address: ROLLING GREEN ESTATES 106 W		
ORCHARD HILLS DR ROCHELLE, IL 61068		
Park: ROLLING GREEN VIN: 202C2544		
Model Year: 1976 Sq. Ft.: 980		
Del Years: 2023		
Total Mobile Home Count: 7		

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE  
I, TIFFANY S. O'BRIEN, COLLECTOR OF  
THE COUNTY OF OGLE AND STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, DO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM THAT THE  
FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT  
LIST OF THE DELINQUENT LANDS, LOTS  
AND MOBILE HOMES FOR WHICH I HAVE  
BEEN UNABLE TO COLLECT THE TAXES  
(AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, INTEREST,  
AND PRINTER'S FEES, IF ANY) CHARGED  
THEREON, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, FOR THE  
YEAR OR YEARS THEREIN SET FORTH; AND  
THAT THE TAXES NOW REMAIN DUE AND  
UNPAID, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE  
AND BELIEF.  
DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D.  
2023  
TIFFANY S. O'BRIEN  
OGLE COUNTY COLLECTOR  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2023  
LAURA J. COOK  
OGLE COUNTY CLERK

No. 1026  
(Oct. 11, 2023)

## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

State of the ownership, management, circulation, etc.; required by the act of Congress of October 23, 1962, Section 4369, Title, 39 United States Code of Rochelle News-Leader published bi-weekly at 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL, for Sept. 13, 2023. State of Illinois, County of Ogle. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Mike Feltes who, having been duly sworn to law, deposes and says he is the publisher of the Rochelle News-Leader and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief a true statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of Congress of October 23, 1962, Section 4369, Title 39, United States Code. The names and addresses of the publisher and editor are: PUBLISHER: Mike Feltes, 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL 61068. EDITOR: Jeff Helfrich, 211 Hwy. 38 East, Rochelle, IL 61068.

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# SPORTS



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The Rochelle Junior Tackle seventh-graders finished second in the Big 14 Conference this season. Rochelle went 7-1-1 over nine games after falling 16-6 against Byron in the championship game on Saturday. The team includes Nolan Zick, Mikey Chadwick, Braxton Bruns, Bentley Sveta, Riley Smith, Kayl True, Kyler Rowe, Joey Chadwick, Michael Foster, Bentley Rohrdanz-Miller, Benjamin Morris, Frank Hernandez, Xavier Hueramo, Axel Alsop, Liam Ortiz, Mason Lopez, Derik Maertz, Charlie Kettleson, Gideon Scott, Vinny Tornabene, Declan McKinney and Gavyn Foster.



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The Rochelle Junior Tackle sixth-graders finished fourth in the Big 14 Conference this season. Rochelle went 6-3 over nine games after falling 16-8 against Princeton in the third-place consolation game on Sunday. The team includes Maddex Jackson, Jaycob Hammer, Maddex Hanson, Korbin Milos, Landon Leigh, Kamden Kessen, Addison Virto, Kayden Smush, Austin Sarver, Michael Beer, Raylan Davis, Vaughn Manning, Quentin Ansteth, Elijah Underwood, Cole Misch, Spencer Carpenter, Zachary Waddle, Gunner Thuestad, Sean Hudzik, Garrett Miller, Jaxon Quinonez, Reed Dougherty, Aiden White, Gabriel Ellis, Mason Picurro and Roger Navarro.



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The Rochelle Junior Tackle fifth-graders finished second in the Big 14 Conference this season. Rochelle went 6-2-1 over nine games after falling 22-14 against Byron in the championship game on Saturday. The team includes Noah Hayden, Grange Kissack, Gavin Smith, Landon Johnson, Freddie McBride, Bentley Etes, Brayson Boulard, Charlie Chadwick, Riley Heal, Dominic Escatel, Brycen Williams, Braxton Rosenthal, Jimmy Chadwick, Aiden Blomberg, Quaid Heitz, Devin Hansen, Jackson Powell, Jackson McGee, Maxwell Boyd, Jack Olson, Matthew Johnson Jr., Royce Scott, Ronnie Belmonte, Blake Rollin, Troy Doyle, Jameson Nance, Ivan Olson, Jackson Olszewski and Tanner Williams.

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### 7th Grade

Rochelle faced Byron for the Big 14 Championship at Helms Park on Saturday, falling 16-6 to finish the season with a 7-1-1 record. Byron held a 16-0 halftime lead after scoring on a 4-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 96-yard touchdown run during the second quarter.

Rochelle's first-half highlights included a 16-yard run from Mikey Chadwick along with a 21-yard run from Braxton Bruns, a sack from Mason Lopez and an interception by Chadwick.

Rochelle's third-quarter highlights included a 17-yard run from Bruns and a forced fumble by Kyler Rowe. The Junior Hubs avoided the shutout after

Vinny Tornabene ran in a 4-yard touchdown during the fourth quarter. Bruns finished with 66 rushing yards on 11 carries, while Chadwick added 44 rushing yards on 10 carries. Tornabene totaled a team-high five tackles.

### 6th Grade

Rochelle battled Princeton for third place in the Big 14 Conference on

Sunday, falling 16-8 to finish the season with a 6-3 overall record.

### 5th Grade

Rochelle faced Byron for the Big 14 Championship at Helms Park on Saturday, falling 22-14 to finish the season with a 6-2-1 overall record. Byron held an early lead after scoring on a 50-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 76-

yard touchdown run in the second quarter. The Junior Hub highlights from the first half included a 12-yard rush from Landon Johnson along with a 10-yard rush from Dominic Escatel, who ran in a 2-yard touchdown late in the second quarter.

Byron went ahead 22-8 after a 4-yard touchdown run during the third quarter. After Jack Olson recovered a fumble late in the third

quarter, Grange Kissack threw an 18-yard pass to Noah Hayden that helped set up a 10-yard Kissack run and a 25-yard touchdown run from Escatel in the fourth quarter.

Escatel finished with 60 rushing yards, while Johnson added 48 rushing yards in the game. Bentley Etes compiled a team-high seven tackles for the Rochelle defense.