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The Kiwanis Golden K surprised Creston School with a new bench.
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Ralfie's BBQ and Catering opens new kitchen and meeting room downtown

'It means we can expand and add to our business'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — As of Oct. 27, Ralfie's BBQ and Catering officially opened The 302, the business's new catering kitchen and meeting room at 410 Cherry Ave. in downtown Rochelle, Owners Ralf and Tricia Herrera said Oct. 25.

Ralfie's BBQ and Catering has been in business since 2009. What started on a small scale of selling kebabs and pork chops became catering a few small weddings a year to now offering full-service catering and serving at 35-40 weddings and more per year. The business outgrew its previous kitchen space and will now have a place to cook, get orders to customers and host gatherings, events and meetings.

"When we came across this building, it was more space than we needed," Tricia Herrera said. "We had this whole other side of it, and kicked around a lot of ideas. We decided to make it a venue. It's very small and intimate, it's only up to 90 people. It's not a restaurant or anything like that. It's just



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a place where if you need to have a business meeting, baby or bridal shower or even a family event, it can be done here in this space. It's fully media capable. We had our first event here this week. To us, it means we can expand and add to our business. And it's a centrally-located location for us."

Ralf Herrera said he's wanted a kitchen space

for about five years. When he was thinking about expanding, he reached out to Tim Bruns of Bruns Construction, who told him he recently purchased the 410 Cherry Ave. building from the City of Rochelle and brought it back into working order after it had been condemned.

"He said it would be an ideal place for us," Ralf

Herrera said. "It was a little big for us, but we still had room over here to expand later. We really needed a 20-by-30 commercial kitchen with some storage space and a garage. That's how it came to be. It was a lot of work. It was a lot of scheduling with contractors and how busy everybody is."

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City updates comprehensive plan for future

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its Oct. 10 meeting, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved an ordinance adopting an updated comprehensive plan and land-use map for the city.

The comprehensive plan is the framework, or blueprint, for future development and revitalization based on a thorough assessment of existing conditions, trends, goals and objectives for the future. The plan was reviewed by a committee along with the city's Planning & Zoning Commission. It had not been updated since 2016 and a new plan is recommended every 5-7 years.

"Our municipal code is really what governs what's allowed in districts and what can actually go where," City Community Development Director Michelle Pease said.

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Kings school reunion committee, attendees donate to current teachers

'When you go to school... together, you become a family'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

KINGS — On Oct. 24, the committee that put together a reunion of Kings School alumni presented a donation of nearly \$4,000 worth of classroom materials and funds to current teachers at Kings Elementary School.

The Kings School alumni picnic was held Aug. 27 and celebrated over 140 years of educating students. It was open to all current and former Kings School students or staff and their families. The event was held at the school and included food, memories and memorabilia from the school's history. Over 300 people attended and a donation account for the event was set up at Holcomb Bank. Leftover funds were planned to go to current Kings teachers and students, and that donation was given Oct. 24.

"It started with an idea last fall," Reunion Committee Member Dawn Hayenga Somers said.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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"Somebody said, 'You know, we should get together.' It was going to be just a few of us. To be quite honest, my brother turned 80 in March and I looked at him and thought that there's a lot of older

people who aren't going to be around a whole lot longer that went to school at Kings and it's time we get them together. I'm into history and I'm writing up the history of White Rock and I've been writing

the history of the school. It goes back almost 145 years. It was time we did something before we're too old to do anything. We started meeting in February and we met monthly and the little seed of an

idea grew into 300 people showing up. We had over \$6,000 in donations. By the time we got everything for the reunion paid for, we had almost \$4,000 left."

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Word of the reunion spread through Facebook and the group Remembering Kings Consolidated School. Donated materials Oct. 24 included tablets, art supplies and sports equipment. Teachers were also given money to spend for their classrooms at their discretion.

KINGS: Reunion committee presents donation on Tuesday

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Word of the reunion spread through Facebook and the group Remembering Kings Consolidated School.

"It was just phenomenal, the people that were interested in it," Hayenga Somers said. "We didn't charge. We just asked people to come and bring a dish to pass. We had so much food that it lined up the length of the gym and we couldn't even get it all out on the table. It was one big family picnic."

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The Kings School Reunion Committee includes Hayenga Somers, Becky and Homer Bailey, Deb Schiller, Deb Bruns Hahn, Dawn Peters Smith, Julie Tobler Mann, Sandy Adams Pelka & Rich Pelka, Becky Rowley Danner & Tim Danner, and Hal Hayes. Hayenga Somers and Schiller said the reunion saw attendees from across the United States.

"When you go to school kindergarten through eighth grade together, you become a family," Schiller said. "A lot of people told me, 'I wasn't going to miss this. I don't care if I go to my high school reunion,

but I would not miss this.' People came from Texas, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Arizona. And people asked when we'd be doing it again."

Hayenga Somers said the committee was "knocked over" by the amount of people that attended the reunion, which filled the Kings gym. She believes the windfall of donations came in because people knew the leftover funds would go to support current teachers.

The committee asked Kings teachers for wish lists of up to about \$300 per class, and the committee was able to buy everything that was on the wish lists.

"We just know funds are

tight," Hayenga Somers said. "I've been on a school board in the past, and funding is tight and the teachers are having to provide a lot of things for their classrooms for the kids. And that's not from the reunion committee, that's from all the people that made the donations."

Peters Smith said that while a lot of the alumni of Kings School no longer live in the village, the support is still seen.

"Once you're a Kings person, you're always a Kings person," Peters Smith said.

Hayenga Somers said that small-town people coming together is a tradition at Kings and in the

other communities with feeder schools to Rochelle. She enjoyed seeing those that came to the reunion and hopes current Kings students will have their own one day.

"They're rural communities and they support each other," Hayenga Somers said. "It's like when the tornado came through. You support your neighbor. There is no isolation. It's a family atmosphere. A lot of us have moved out of the Kings area. But this is still our home base and where we grew up. This is our family. It was nice seeing people from years ago. If anything, I wish that the kids here today have that

kind of feeling. I'm hoping they come out of here with that. As a society, I don't know that that is as strong as it was 50 years ago. But it's definitely lasted with us."

To close the donation event on Oct. 24 following teachers receiving their new classroom materials and funds, Ed Rice spoke.

"I want to thank all of you teachers and leaders of kids for doing such a great job to keep light in this community," Rice said. "That's what you're doing, is keeping this community alive. Because if you're not here, there's not much left. Congratulations to you, and keep up the good work."

CITY: Fiegenschuh discusses updated comprehensive plan

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"But our comprehensive plan just gives us an idea of how we can grow in those directions that our municipal code supports. We did workshops with the community. I'm excited

that it's done. This is the second time that I've gone through the comprehensive plan. It's a great way for you to be able to learn what we've done to kind of get down in the weeds and understand what the city has done and what we want

to do next. Going through this comprehensive plan, we accomplished a lot, so it was good to look back on that. In another 5-7 years, we'll do it again."

Several updates were made in the new plan, such as the Northern Gateway

TIF district, the establishment of the National Historic District in the downtown area, enterprise zones, and major investments to infrastructure. New development was also updated in the plan to include Wheatland Tube, the Rochelle Transload Center, Pilot Travel Center, Love's Travel Stop, Starbucks, Majeski Motors, Hub City Self Storage, Kwik Star, Tesla Charging Stations, Benny's Corner Market, Breakthru Beverage and several other projects.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said the comprehensive plan is a policy statement, similar to a budget or strategic plan. The city's comprehensive plan guides the city on where and how it wants the community to grow, he said. A land-use map is included in the plan to dictate where certain types of zoning are slated for the future.

"They looked at what's important to us and the other taxing districts we work with," Fiegenschuh said. "It's hard to get people excited about a comprehensive plan, but it really is the guide for how you're going to grow your community in the future and it needs to be updated continuously. It's a policy statement by the mayor and council. When it's approved, it says where

they see the town going in the next 5-7 years and the budget and strategic plan are how we're going to get there."

One of the most looked-at topics in the comprehensive planning process was Rochelle's need for more housing. City officials looked at where they would like to see housing growth of different types, which is an aspect of the land-use map.

The city manager said the housing issue is what he found most unique in the comprehensive planning process, and the updated plan's land-use map will ensure the city is prepared when housing opportunities come about.

"If you have a big subdivision that is low-density residential, does putting a big factory in the middle of it make sense? Absolutely not," Fiegenschuh said. "Your land-use map guides you with that. We clearly have a need for housing right now. Single-family and all kinds of housing. In reading that from the previous plan, they talked about it back then. But it's really an issue now. That was before the pandemic and when interest rates were seven percent when we had a higher inventory of different types of housing available. I found the com-

versation of where we're going to put more housing of all types unique."

Fiegenschuh said that in 5-7 years by the time the next comprehensive planning process takes place, he wants to have seen more growth and development in all of the city's corridors, specifically in the southern corridor.

"I would also like to see more development in the Northern Gateway TIF around Benny's Corner Market and Breakthru Beverage," Fiegenschuh said. "I think there's a lot of opportunities up there. I'm hoping in the next seven years that the Illinois Route 251 reconstruction and expansion is done."

More housing is another goal for the next 5-7 years, Fiegenschuh said, and he believes there are opportunities for the city to partner with other taxing bodies to try to provide incentives for housing developers to locate in Rochelle.

Industrial growth on the southern side of town will be another priority, along with the infrastructure and economic factors to support it.

"Five to seven years sounds like a long time, but it really isn't," Fiegenschuh said. "The other reason I hope a lot happens is it will mean that the economy remains strong and all the factors that are out of our town's control like the state budget or the federal level will be resolved, so we can continue to grow and prosper here."

The city manager thanked the members of the volunteer Planning & Zoning Commission for their work on the comprehensive plan.

"They came to meetings and provided input and they do a really good job and are very dedicated to making sure that we grow the right way," Fiegenschuh said. "I'm super grateful to all of them. They're not paid to be there. They were there volunteering their time because they care."

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On Oct. 18, the Village of Progress held its Annual Banquet. Nicholas Smith received the Robert Stahl Friendship Award. The John Herrmann Distinguished Improvement Award was given to Chris Martinez and the Robert Moehle Personal Achievement Award went to Adan Lopez. John Miller was singled out to receive the Carly Heller Special Olympian Award and Hope Huffstatler was acknowledged for her good sportsmanship with the Coach Cookie Warren Memorial Award. Megan Voss was honored with the Fred Smith Competitive Employment Award. Finally, the Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award was given this year to the Rock River Center.

Village of Progress hosted annual banquet on Oct. 18 Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award given to the Rock River Center

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good sportsmanship with the Coach Cookie Warren Memorial Award. Megan Voss was honored with the Fred Smith Competitive Employment Award.

In addition to extending recognition and thanks to those who work inside the Village, the night also provided an opportunity to recognize the generosity of those outside our facility. The Village was honored to extend the Janie Etnyre Volunteer of the Year award to Tom Champley and Joanne Pennock. For many years now, Joanne and Tom, have brought their dogs

to the Village to offer pet therapy. The staff have often talked about how their dogs show such enthusiasm for their work. Their visits are always a special time for those who attend the Village. Tom and Joanne are fulfilling their desire to bring joy to others. And the Village is fortunate to be the recipient of their generosity. This award is a tribute to Joanne, Tom and their wonderful dogs.

Finally, the Robert Stouffer Special Recognition Award was given this year to the Rock River Center. Each month, the

Rock River Center has been very open to inviting to men and women from the Village to their monthly activities. And their calendar is filled with a variety of options, such as BINGO, trivia, billiards, craft projects,

magic shows, seasonal choirs and school bands – the list could go on and on. It's in appreciation for the many opportunities the Rock River Center has created, and in appreciation for their enthusiasm and hospitality.

The Annual Banquet is more than a night of awards given and received. It's a night of thanks extended, and gratitude returned. And that is what makes it such a wonderful place to spend an evening.



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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Thomas L. Grimes Sr.

ROCHELLE — Thomas L. Grimes Sr., 78, began his eternal life on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. Thomas was born on December 8, 1944 in Tampico, IL. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Etta Mae (Farmer) Grimes.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Janet Grimes of Rochelle. He is also survived by his five brothers: Don, Gene, Steve, Ron and Doug Grimes; two sisters: Rita and Karen Grimes and two sons: Thomas L. Jr (Mary) Grimes of Dixon, IL and David A. (Victoria) Grimes of Dixon, KY. Tom has six grandchildren: Devin, Michael, Tara, Ben, Emily and Dreyton and three great grandchildren.

Anybody who knew Tom could attest to the

fact that he was a man of great faith, living everyday in a way that glorified his Lord and Savior. Tom's greatest desire was for everyone with whom he came in contact to know the story of the gospel of Jesus. Tom spent his early career as a carpenter prior to working in retail lumber.

His most important job was the work he performed for his Lord at several different churches including Fifth Avenue Baptist, Creston Baptist, Hillcrest Baptist, General Baptist and Harvest Baptist Church. He played several key roles including song leader, Sunday school teacher, deacon and fill-in pastor as needed. He leaves behind a Christian family that is celebrating his passing to his eternal home.



Visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 A.M., Friday, October 27 at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to the Harvest Baptist Church.

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

Hansen's Halloween to host Oct. 31 event, raise money for RACF

ROCHELLE — The Hansen's Halloween House is set to host a spooktacular haunting for all ages! This family friendly event is located at 1021 4th Ave. and will start at 5 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. on Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31. This is a free event, however Karl and Dhana Hansen, and their family, wanted to give back to their community. They are partnering with the Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) to raise funds for the RACF Endowment Fund.

This fund is the largest endowment at the foundation and is responsible for granting funds to local area nonprofits through the

competitive Community Needs Grants process. A donation box will be onsite to collect money should you wish to donate. This year the display will feature a mashup of iconic movie scenes. See how many movie clues you can find as you make your way through the path. The yard will not be open until trick or treat times, but we encourage guests to view from the sidewalk or car. New things added every night.

"As always we thank you for your support and generous donations for our community. We hope to keep this a tradition for years to come," Karl and Dhana Hansen said.

"It is an honor to be the recipient of donations made to the Hansen's Halloween House for the second year in a row," RACF Executive Director Emily Anaya said. "We appreciate that the Hansen family has found a creative way to fundraise while delivering a spooky family experience for all. It just shows how much they, and others, truly care and support our Rochelle community."

If you are looking for more information about the Hansen's Halloween House, or just have questions, please call the Rochelle Area Community Foundation at 815-561-3600 or email director@rochellefoundation.org.

OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Oct. 25, deputies with the assistance of the Stillman Valley Fire Department responded to Meridian Road and Kishwaukee Road for a reported one-vehicle accident with injuries. After a brief investigation, it was determined that a Nissan Rogue driven by Florije Zeqiri, 47, of Rockford, failed to negotiate the curve and left the roadway. The vehicle struck an embankment before becoming airborne. Zeqiri and 19-year-old passenger Besiana Zeqiri of Rockford were transported to the Swedish American Hospital for apparent minor injuries. Florije Zeqiri was cited for improper lane usage.

On Oct. 25, deputies re-

sponded to the 6,000 block of North Freeport Road for a two-vehicle crash. A preliminary investigation revealed a vehicle being driven by Rafael Santos, 41, of Freeport, was traveling northbound when it crossed the center line and collided with a southbound vehicle being driven by Gabriel Goldsmith, 43, of Freeport. Goldsmith sustained fatal injuries as a result of the crash. Santos sustained serious injuries and was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital, where he was later transferred to OSF Saint Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Santos was issued citations for no valid driver's license, improper lane usage and

driving under the influence of alcohol. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Forreston Fire/EMS, Polo Fire/EMS, and the Ogle County Coroner's Office. The crash remains under investigation with future charges pending.

On Oct. 26, deputies conducted a traffic stop at Shell Gas Station in Grand Detour. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested, Christopher Rasmussen, 46, of Grand Detour, for driving while license revoked. Rasmussen was transported to the Ogle County Jail and released with a notice to appear. Rasmussen was also issued a citation for a seatbelt violation.

All individuals are innocent until proven guilty.

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 25, Zachary T. Taylor, 28, of Rochelle was arrested for aggravated battery. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 17 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 22, Mya N. Finnestad, 18, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to property. She was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 3 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 25, Anmarie Kuntz, 32, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to property, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of a

controlled substance. She was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 17 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 25, Maria D. Castro Belmonte, 53 of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a stop sign. She signed a notice to comply and respond and was given a Nov. 17 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 25, Pablo F. Lopez, 21, of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence, driving while license suspended, resisting a peace officer and an outstanding Ogle County warrant. Lopez was also cited for failure to report an

accident and failure to give information after striking property. He was released on a notice to appear with a Nov. 3 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 26, Thomas A. Puleo, 54, of Rockford was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He signed a notice to comply and respond and was given a Nov. 17 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 27, Jacob L. Hoskins, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Roberts Armory WWII Museum open for Veterans Day on Nov. 5

Roberts Armory World War II museum will be open to the public in honor of Veterans' Day on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1-4 p.m. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. The next opening will be Memorial Day 2024. To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Illinois Route 251 & Intermodal Drive (approximately three miles). Many World War II artifacts are on display including tanks, trucks, cannons and Rochelle News-Leader newspapers from 1945 presenting photographs of Rochelle residents who served during World War II. More information is available on the Rochelle website at: <http://www.enjoyrochelle.com/online-directory/what-to-do/history-attractions/robert-s-armory.html>. There is no admission charge.

St. Paul Lutheran School names 2023-2024 first quarter honor roll

ROCHELLE — St. Paul Lutheran School recently released honor roll information for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

High honor roll: Naomi Bresson, Ashley Carmichael, Michael Cox, Caden Hatfield, Noah Hayden, Riley Heal, Jack Olson, Charlie Frankenberg, Sophia Mueller,

Ty Vongsiri, Axel Alsop, Joey Chadwick, Annaliese Cox, Esam Farraj, Elijah Good, Makenzie Johnson, Jillian Bruns, Mackenzie Bybee, Cohen Haedt, DeLaney Heal, Mia Heitkamp, Tyler Johnson and Elijah Schweitzer.

Honor roll: Jimmy Chadwick, Leylani Farraj, Dacid Gillette, Madelynn McRoberts, Ivan Olson,

Noah Osborne, Gavin Smith, Katie Suneson, Ayla True, Leni Haedt, Jackson Hartnett, Reed Rowley, Taylor Thomas, Chase Atkinson, Braxton Bruns, Hailey Chapman, Owen Heitkamp, Quinn Miller, Om Shah, Vincent Tornabene, Kayle True, Tyson Carmichael, Andrew Eyster, Austin Hartnett and Maggie Suneson.

Man found guilty after downtown incident

ROCHELLE — A Rochelle man was found guilty of attempted aggravated arson and possession of an explosive device stemming from an August 2022 incident on Cherry Avenue involving a molotov cocktail, an Oct. 26 Ogle County State's Attorney press release said.

On Oct. 26, Adam K. Bergeron, 25, of Rochelle was found guilty of those charges by the Honorable Judge John B. Roe after a bench trial.

On Aug. 7, 2022, the Rochelle Police Department responded to the 400 block of Cherry Avenue in regards to a Molotov

cocktail that was thrown at the building located at 406 Cherry Avenue. During the investigation, the defendant was developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized. Bergeron is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

U of I Extension is hosting a healthy holiday charcuterie boards workshop

ROCKFORD — Charcuterie boards are fun to eat and make the perfect appetizer for entertaining. However, traditional charcuterie

boards can be packed with sodium, nitrates, saturated fat and calories. Instead of a traditional board, treat your family and friends to a healthier

option this holiday season by making simple modifications.

Join us Thursday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Winnebago County

University of Illinois Extension office at 1040 N. Second St. in Rockford. During this workshop, learn what a charcuterie board is, what elements

go into making a traditional board, the nuances of selecting a board or platter, how to make modifications to enjoy without feeling guilty, and food safety tips. Leave with inspiration and resources to make a healthy and delicious charcuterie board this holiday season.

Register for this holiday program by calling the Extension office at

(815) 986-4357 or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw. There is a \$5 fee, which will cover the educational session. Space is limited, so register today! If you need an accommodation to participate, please let our office know when you register.

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LOCAL NEWS

RALFIE'S: New downtown location opens for business

From page 1

Tricia Herrera is the executive director of the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. For 15 years during her involvement with the chamber and the city, she's been telling people in and around the community that downtown Rochelle is the place to open a business, which is what she and her husband have now done.

"Atevery chamber event I talk about how exciting it is and how new businesses are opening up," Tricia Herrera said. "The downtown area really is coming alive and the city has done an amazing job with beautification. This downtown location was ideal for us. This felt like the best home for us."

The previous kitchen Ralfie's BBQ and Catering used had some space difficulties when orders became larger, which led the business to rent commercial spaces for cooking, which wasn't cost-effective. Now,

the space on Cherry Avenue will allow for an easier experience for the Herreras and their employees. It will also allow for a pickup location for customers.

Ralf Herrera said his business has been lucky to have "great people" working for it, and thanked them for their work over years of growth. Some have worked for Ralfie's BBQ through their high school years into college.

"We always say the kids that work for us are our family, and they truly are family to us," Tricia Herrera said.

The new space will allow for Ralfie's BBQ and Catering to work more than one event in a day with the bigger capacity. Tricia Herrera said the business is always planning for the future and how it can grow. She believes the potential is simply as hard as they want to work, but putting love and care into their products and customer service will remain their top priorities.

The Herreras were both born and raised in Rochelle, and they said working in and being part of the community is "very special" to them.

"We couldn't do what we do without customers," Tricia Herrera said. "I know that seems basic, but it's the truth. We always say that we're appreciative of people that order one kebab all the way up to the people that book us for a 500-guest wedding. They're all important to us and we couldn't be more appreciative of that. Customers have now become like friends and family to us. That's just very important to us. This is our community and home. This is where we want to be and we want to share in those events with all of those people."

The 302 name is in honor of the house number of the home Tricia grew up in. The business's LLC name is the Herrera BBQ Company in honor of Ralf's parents, who have both passed away.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Ralfie's BBQ and Catering has been in business since 2009. What started on a small scale of selling kebabs and pork chops became catering a few small weddings a year to now offering full-service catering and serving at 35-40 weddings and more per year.

When the decision came to name the brick and mortar location, the couple chose to honor Tricia's late parents.

"We lived in Rochelle," Tricia Herrera said. "My parents raised us primarily in that location. That's very important to Ralf and I, to honor our families. That's who made us. Our work ethic, customer service

and people skills all came from our parents. We need to honor that. That was the Wagner house address I was raised in. Like the song says, that was the house that built me."

At each chamber of commerce ribbon cutting that Tricia Herrera leads for a new business that opens, she states her and

the community's support for the owners. At her and her husband's own ribbon cutting on Nov. 3, they'll see that support from a different perspective.

"Now Ralf and I can see it from the other side," Tricia said. "We know what that's like to just be supported. And that's very special to us."

Rochelle Area

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

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

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

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Grace Fellowship Church - Pastor Jeff Ardissonne, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

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New Hope Fellowship (Church of God - Anderson, IN), 1501 10th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. Service: Sunday at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m., (815)561-8400, www.NHFchurch.net Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

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St. Paul Lutheran Church "Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!" Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse-Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.



LOCAL VIEWS

GUEST COLUMN

Love, betrayal and a murder that changed the legal system: Part 1

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.

The story opens in Burlington, Iowa. Mary Harris was born into a poor Irish immigrant family. By the age of nine Mary was out of school and working in a millinery shop (hat making). Adoniram J. Burroughs (Judson) owned a store a few doors away. One day Judson entered the millinery shop and immediately noticed Mary. 20-year-old Judson fell in love with 9-year-old Mary and courted her for the next three years.

Things turned for the worst for Judson, for unrecorded reasons he was

“kicked out” of his church and his business failed. There seemed to be no future for Judson in the town of Burlington so he headed east toward family and opportunity. It is at this time that Judson arrived in Lane (Rochelle). Judson Burroughs joined with A.H. Fields to open a lumber yard on the southwest corner of Cherry Avenue and Main Street. Sadly, Thornton Beatty had opened a lumber yard on Lincoln Avenue which was very successful. Judson left the lumber yard after a couple years and moved on to Chicago to join his brother, John, who was well established in the “Big City”. A.H. Fields went into the butter and egg business and finally met with success.

Judson found employment in Chicago and began a letter-writing campaign with Mary, professing his undying affection and desire to be wed as soon as he could become finan-

cially secure. The letter writing went on for years. Around 1861 Mary finally reached 18 years of age and Judson invited her to join him in Chicago. Mary and her friends assumed the reunion would lead to marriage, that was not the case.

Mary took a job with Louisa and Jane Delvin at their Chicago millinery shop. Judson was still looking for financial security. The 18-year-old Mary and 30-year-old Judson made quite the scandalous couple. Their activities were so scandalous that brother John, who happened to be president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, was forced to take action. John found steady work for Judson in Washington D.C. This solved two problems for John, Judson could now support himself and he and Mary would no longer

be in John’s hometown. Judson moved to Washington and again began a letter-writing love affair with Mary.

Things changed in 1863. Mary received a letter from a secret admirer. The hand writing looked very similar to Judson’s but was unsigned and was asking for a rendezvous at a very suspect location, a house of prostitution. Mary did not know what to do so she asked advice from her employers, the Delvin sisters. Soon a plan was made and a return letter was sent. The ladies then enquired of the postman as to the recipient of the letter. The postman identified a picture of Judson as the man who sent the first letter and received the response. Mary was beside herself, why was Judson acting like he did not know her? Mary went to the only person she could think of

for help, she sought the help of John Burroughs. John looked at the letters and immediately stated that the writing was not Judson’s and that Judson was in Washington and had been nowhere near Chicago. Mary left more distraught than when she had arrived. The next day Mary was reading the Chicago newspaper and came across an article announcing the marriage of Judson Burroughs, John Burroughs had officiated.

Mary was devastated, she lost weight and suffered from extreme mood swings. For days on end she laid in bed, unable to function. The Delvin sisters became worried and called a doctor in hopes that the problems could be remedied. The doctor explained that Mary suffered from hysteria, probably caused by menstruation.

It was in 1865 that Mary decided to travel to Washington D.C. to confront Judson. She told her

friends that she was going to sue Judson for breach of promise. With borrowed money she purchased two items, a ticket to Washington and a pistol. Upon arrival Mary went to the Treasury Building where Judson was employed and asked for him at the entrance desk. The guard explained to Mary that she could not enter the facility but was allowed to wait for Judson at the exit door. So wait she did until Judson finished his work day. As Judson passed through the exit door Mary stepped behind him, leveled her pistol and shot him twice. Judson died immediately and Mary was taken into custody. The stage was set for a trial that would change the legal system to this day.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township museum historian and Rochelle city councilman. Part two of this column will appear in the next edition of the News-Leader.



Tom McDermott

Ron Kern: My favorite football quotes

EVEN with winter quickly approaching it’s still football season. The high school playoffs have started. In college most of the pretenders for the championship have been weeded out. And we are about halfway through the NFL season.

So for the heck of it; and because I can’t come up with an original thought for this column let’s have a chuckle or two over some of my favorite football quotes.

“The reason women don’t play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.” -Phyllis Diller

“I don’t know whether I prefer Astroturf to grass. I never smoked Astroturf.” -Joe Namath

“I have 2 weapons;

my arms, my legs and my brain.” -Michael Vick

“Football is, after all, a wonderful way to get rid of your aggressions without going to jail.” Woody Hayes

“Football isn’t a contact sport; it’s a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.” -Vince Lombardi

“Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half times take 12 minutes. This is not coincidence.” -Erma Bombeck

“Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.” -Joe Theismann

“If my mother put on a helmet and shoulder pads and a uniform that wasn’t the same as the one I was wearing, I’d run over her

if she was in my way. And I love my mother.” -Bo Jackson

“Pro football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors.” -Frank Gifford

“Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field?” -Jim Bouton

“Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck.” -Don Shula

“Most football players are temperamental. That’s 90 percent temper and 10 percent mental.” -Doug Plank

“Sharks are as tough as those football fans

who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent.” -Dave Barry

“We can’t run. We can’t pass. We can’t stop the run. We can’t stop the pass. We can’t kick. Other than that, we’re just not a very good football team right now.” -Bruce Coslet

“When I went to Catholic high school in Philadelphia, we just had one coach for football and basketball. He took all of us who turned out and had us run through a forest. The ones who ran into the trees were on the football team.” -George Raveling

“If you’re mad at your kid, you can either raise him to be a nose tackle or send him out to play on

the freeway. It’s about the same.” -Bob Golic

“Football combines the two worst things about America: it is violence punctuated by committee meetings.” -George Will

“I have seen women walk right past a TV set with a football game on and - this always amazes me - not stop to watch, even if the TV is showing replays of what we call a ‘good hit,’ which is a tackle that causes at least one major internal organ to actually fly out of a player’s body.” -Dave Barry

“American football makes rugby look like a Tupperware party.” -Sue Lawley

“Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated.” -Lou Holtz

“If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead.” -Erma Bombeck

“I never graduated from Iowa, but I was only there for two terms - Truman’s and Eisenhower’s.” -Alex Karras

“Football: A sport that bears the same relation to education that bullfighting does to agriculture.” -Elbert Hubbard

“You guys line up alphabetically by height.” -Bill Peterson

“The Rose Bowl is the only bowl I’ve ever seen that I didn’t have to clean.” -Erma Bombeck

“You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle.” -Bill Peterson

Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.



Ron Kern

Letter: Thanks for support of Annual Peanut Days

DEAR editor, The Kiwanis Golden K Club of Rochelle would like to extend a sincere thanks to the Rochelle community for making our recent Annual Peanut Days an outstanding event. With your support

we can continue our mission of providing student scholarships as well as funding many local youth activities.

We would like to especially thank the City of Rochelle, and Walmart for allowing us to take donations at their places

of business.

The following businesses and individuals provided additional support:

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COMMUNITY



Kiwanis Golden K surprises Creston School with new bench

The Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K Club recently surprised the Creston Elementary School with a recycled plastic bottle cap bench. They were greeted by Superintendent Stachlewitz. The Golden K sponsors the school's Builders Club. Mr. Larry Wing is the Kiwanis advisor along with teacher advisor Ms. Lin. The picnic table is six feet long and weights 475 pounds. Builders Club members collect the bottle caps. The bottle caps are sorted, bagged, weighed and transported to Green Tree Plastics of Evansville, Indiana. A disassembled bench is brought back to Rochelle and assembled, then delivered to the site location.

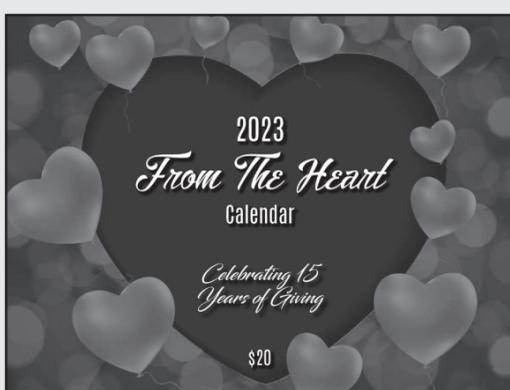
Rochelle's Gati leads Augustana College Symposium Day public health focus group

ROCKISLAND—Afi Gati, a biochemistry and public health major from Rochelle, was one of 30 students to lead a public health focus group during Augustana College's Oct. 11 Symposium Day.

Symposium Day included invited speakers, alumni, advising sessions and other events on this year's theme of transformation. More than 50 Augustana students attended one

of the seven public health focus groups, which sought to gather insight on suggestions on how to transform health and well-being on Augustana's campus and in the surrounding community.

Gati's focus group topic was access to food resources on Augie's campus. All focus group leaders are enrolled in Prof. Rebecca Arnold's health behavior and promotion class this fall.



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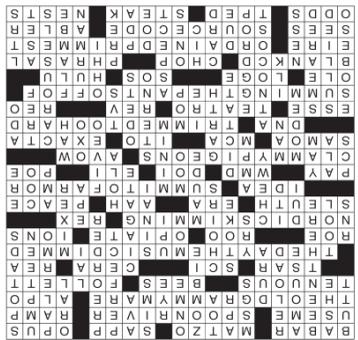
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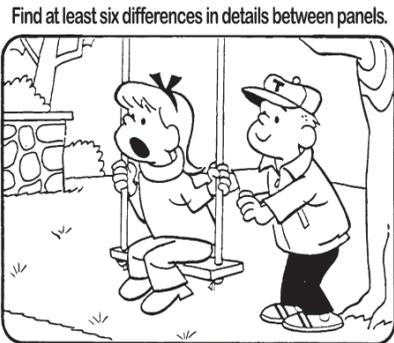
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.
 Differences: 1. Field is missing. 2. Boy is smaller. 3. Swing seat is smaller. 4. Girl's legs are shorter. 5. Arm is missing. 6. Tree canopy is missing.

Super Crossword "MM, GOOD!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kiddie-lit elephant
 - 6 Seder bread
 - 11 Warren in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
 - 15 Numbered work of a composer
 - 19 "I'd love to help"
 - 20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
 - 22 Intensely, with "up"
 - 23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
 - 25 Dog food brand
 - 26 Flimsy
 - 27 Hive swarm
 - 28 "Lie Down With Lions" novelist Ken
 - 30 Romanov royal
 - 31 — -fi film
 - 33 Michael of "Superbad"
 - 34 Stephen of the screen
 - 35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
 - 41 — v. Wade
 - 42 Aussie critter
 - 43 Soporific drug
 - 44 Electrolysis particles
 - 45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
 - 50 Novelist Stout
 - 52 Hammer or Spade
 - 53 History topic
 - 54 Hot tub sigh
 - 56 Tranquility
 - 60 Brainchild
 - 62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
 - 66 Foot bill?
 - 69 A-bomb, e.g.
 - 71 "— dare?"
 - 72 — Lilly
 - 73 "Tamerlane" poet
 - 74 Cold, damp park birds?
 - 79 Declare
 - 82 Apia locale
 - 83 Elton John's '70s label
 - 84 Figure skater Midori —
 - 86 Bet to win and place
 - 90 Cloning stuff
 - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
 - 96 Cato's "to be"
 - 99 — alla Scala
 - 101 Intensely, with "up"
 - 102 Antique auto
 - 103 Trouncing in a number-adding contest?
 - 109 Bullring call
 - 110 Balcony box
 - 111 "Send help!"
 - 112 Netflix rival
 - 113 Medium for burning data
 - 115 Pork serving
 - 118 Of sentence units
 - 121 Cork's land
 - 122 Decreed to be the most prudish?
 - 126 Observes
 - 127 Computer programming output
 - 128 More skillful
 - 129 Chances
 - 130 Covered with bathroom rolls, slangily
 - 131 Outback food
 - 132 Fliers' homes
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Strike with the horns
 - 2 Court champ
 - 3 Lead-in to "done that"
 - 4 "Eek!"
 - 5 Add ammo to
 - 6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
 - 7 Wet mo.
 - 8 Come — halt
 - 9 Body not staying at rest?
 - 10 "My treat!"
 - 11 Family in computer games
 - 12 DuVernay of "Queen Sugar"
 - 13 Flawless
 - 14 Request in advance, in a way
 - 15 Spoken exam
 - 16 Sicily's capital
 - 17 A gazillion
 - 18 Brief plugs for political candidates
 - 21 Bread variety
 - 24 — Lube (STP alternative)
 - 29 Chou En —
 - 31 Add fuel to
 - 32 Groups on church risers
 - 33 The Flame affair, informally
 - 35 Hammer or spade
 - 36 52-wk. units
 - 37 Dad's partner
 - 38 Longtime wire svc.
 - 39 Moses' peak
 - 40 Seltzer, e.g.
 - 41 ICU VIPs
 - 46 Imbiber's
 - 47 "— be nice if ..."
 - 48 Like taffy
 - 49 Bea Arthur sitcom
 - 51 Air-testing gp.
 - 55 Hispanic "hello"
 - 57 Intensely, with "up"
 - 58 Loving sound
 - 59 Previous to, poetically
 - 61 12-hour clock toggle
 - 63 Loving sound
 - 64 Fluid dram fraction
 - 65 "Hawaii —" (Jack Lord series)
 - 66 Aced offerings
 - 67 Styled after
 - 68 Orange tuber
 - 70 Say aloud for transcription
 - 75 Net access provider
 - 76 Groom, e.g.
 - 77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
 - 78 Canned heat
 - 80 Good Grips brand
 - 81 Nursery cry
 - 85 Dramatist Clifford
 - 87 Merry-go-rounds
 - 88 Not kosher
 - 89 Hurry-scurry
 - 91 For free
 - 93 Furious state
 - 94 Spill cleaner
 - 95 Sony products
 - 96 1962 Paul Anka hit
 - 97 Tarnished
 - 98 Tarnished
 - 100 Chinese soup
 - 104 Sort
 - 105 Facet
 - 106 "Surprised to run into you!"
 - 107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
 - 108 In a blazing brandy sauce
 - 114 Fed Elliot
 - 115 Ace or queen
 - 116 Fruit drink brand
 - 117 Tip jar bills
 - 118 Nursery school, briefly
 - 119 Play — (perform some songs)
 - 120 Env. items
 - 123 Receivable
 - 124 John in court cases
 - 125 High-tech organizer

November HUB NEWS

What Is Happening @ RTHS

- Nov. 2** RTHS ½ Day - Students Dismissed at 11:30am
- Nov. 10** 7:30 am Veterans Day Breakfast. All area Veterans invited to the breakfast. Per 2 and 3 Veterans Day assembly auditorium
- Nov. 17 & 18** Winter One Acts - Student-written, directed and produced Winter One Act Plays on stage. Tickets \$2 for students & educators. General Admission is \$5. Curtain at 7:30pm
- Nov. 21** Renaissance Study Hall release. Present your Renaissance card to reap rewards in the Teacher Lounge
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- Nov. 22-24** Thanksgiving holiday NO classes RTHS or KEC
- Nov. 29** 8th Grade Curriculum Night



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SPORTS



NETTERS EARN AWARDS
The Rochelle Lady Hub tennis team held its season-ending awards banquet.
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RTHS Football

Hubs earn rematch with St. Francis

Rochelle set to travel for IHSA 5A First Round Playoff matchup Friday night

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity football team will have an opportunity to exact some revenge on Friday, when the purple and white kick off the 2023 IHSA Class 5A Playoffs with a first-round matchup against Wheaton St. Francis. The eighth-seeded Spartans eliminated the ninth-seeded Hubs with a 35-16 win in the IHSA Class 4A Playoff Quarterfinals last season.

Rochelle (7-2, 6-0 Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue) enters the playoffs on a four-game win streak that includes a 30-20 victory over Richmond-Burton during the final week of the regular season. The Hubs clinched a conference championship with the victory, securing the program's first conference title since 2004. Wheaton St. Francis (7-2, 2-1 CCL/ESCC Orange) enters the playoffs on a five-game win streak after defeating Nazareth Academy 35-17 during Week 9.

"It's a special opportunity and it's not anything we'll take for granted," head coach Kyle Kis-sack said. "[St. Francis] does a lot of things really well and they have some



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity football team will face Wheaton St. Francis in the first round of the IHSA 5A Playoffs on Friday evening. The game will be played at Wheaton St. Francis and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

really good players. Our message is that we need to have a team-oriented game plan and we have to execute the things we do well. If we can do that, then I think we'll have an opportunity to win. For us, it's about execution of the small details, which is a similar message that we've emphasized this year."

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RTHS Volleyball

Morris outlasts Rochelle in IHSA 3A Regional Semis

Sixth-seeded Lady Hubs fall to fourth-seeded Redskins 20-25, 25-16, 22-25

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LASALLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team appeared to be in control during the third set of its IHSA 3A LaSalle-Peru Regional Semifinal match against Morris on Tuesday.

Serving aggressively and playing quality defense on the back side, Rochelle charged out to a 12-6 lead midway through the third set after dominating the Redskins for a nine-point victory in the second set. Seeking to reach the regional championship match against LaSalle-Peru, the Lady Hubs seemed to be on their way, but a feverish rally from the Morris side ignited halfway through the third set, with a series of blocks sparking an 11-4 run that tied the score at 17-17.

A key kill from junior Lauren Dyer late in the third set enabled Rochelle to sneak ahead 20-18, but the Redskins responded with three consecutive points including a service ace that forced a Lady Hub timeout with Rochelle trailing 21-20. With the match in the balance, Morris looked to one of its best players in outside hitter

Ava Smith, who delivered multiple booming kill shots over the final moments of the third set to help the fourth-seeded Redskins complete their comeback.

The result was a 20-25, 25-16, 22-25 loss for the sixth-seeded Lady Hubs, who concluded their season with a 17-16 overall record and a 3-7 record in the Interstate 8. Tuesday marked the third time Rochelle and Morris battled this season, with the Redskins emerging victorious twice.

"I thought our girls left everything on the court," head coach Molly Sly said. "We had a different finish in mind tonight, but our girls worked hard and they supported each other... In volleyball, the game is never truly done and the momentum is always changing. Someone can get a huge kill and all of the sudden, that fire becomes relit and that momentum is in someone else's favor."

Morris took control of the match early in the first set, opening the match with a 6-1 run as the Lady Hubs struggled with hitting errors on the front line. Rochelle successfully pressured the Morris defense behind the service line, however, with senior Alivia Henkel and junior Ali Ohlinger deliv-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hubs celebrate a point during Tuesday's IHSA 3A Regional Semifinal volleyball match against Morris. The Lady Hubs fell in three sets to finish with a 17-16 overall record this season.

ered multiple strong serves that led to receiving errors by the Redskins. Ohlinger and Henkel combined for five of the eight service aces the Lady Hubs recorded on Tuesday. Rochelle managed to tie the first-set score at 16-16, but a pair of timeouts weren't enough to stall a 9-4 Morris run that sealed the opening set for the Redskins.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT



Noah McKinney
 Year: Freshman
 Sport: Bowling

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

A: One year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The community and the teammates I'm surrounded by.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Social studies because history has always been an interest of mine.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Pete Crow-Armstrong because he has a lot of promise and he's a great athlete coming up.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My dad because of the lessons he's taught me and how much he's done for me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a sports commentator because I enjoy broadcasting and I love watching sports.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Italy because of my ancestry and the interesting attractions.

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

A: The school spirit and friends that come along with it.

Luke Norris

Year: Freshman
 Sport: Bowling



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

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Hanging out with my friends and having fun.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Ag because it's cool and my teacher is fun.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Justin Fields because he's always trying to get better.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My mom because she helps me with anything and she pushes me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a policeman because I like helping people.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Florida because there are fun things to do there and I've never been there.

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

A: Being able to make friends.

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SPORTS

VBALL: Rochelle's season concludes in regional semifinals

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Needing to bounce back, the Lady Hubs dominated the early portion of the second set, where juniors Emma Kennay and Dempsey Atkinson delivered several aggressive serves to help Rochelle command an 8-2 lead.

"We scouted them before the match and we saw two players we could serve the ball to for the most part," Sly said. "We really found the holes in their defense during the second set. Emma came out and rallied off about six points for us and then Dempsey rallied off points as well. Dempsey played phenomenal defense for us tonight and she was picking up a lot of balls."

A series of aces from junior Taelynn Rodeghero, who had an 11-kill, 14-dig double-double, allowed Rochelle to take an 18-7 lead and force the second of two Morris timeouts in the set. Rochelle clinched the second-set win on a successful dump from the junior setter Ohlinger, who also recorded a double-double on Tuesday with 10 digs and a team-leading 24 assists.

Rodeghero ignited the Rochelle offense early in

the third set, overcoming a slow start to the match and scoring multiple kills to help the Lady Hubs command a 6-3 lead. Receiving errors continued to plague the Morris side over the first half of the third set, but after a 4-0 run sparked by two big blocks up front, it was the Redskins who began serving aggressively, forcing the Lady Hubs out of their offensive rhythm and capitalizing with several points off of free balls.

"We were riding such a high for a while and we finished the match with such a low," Sly said. "We have to remember this feeling and give a little extra effort. We need to finish the match."

Rochelle hung tough as Morris began taking control of the third set, with Henkel and Atkinson digging up aggressive kills shots from the Redskins that enabled the Lady Hubs to create quality looks on offense. The junior libero Atkinson finished with a team-high 18 digs, while Henkel added 13 digs for the Lady Hubs, who saw their season end on a cross-court kill from Smith.

Senior Kennedy Adamski finished with six kills, while Dyer also totaled six kills in the match.



The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team faced Morris in the IHSA 3A Regional Semifinals on Tuesday. At left, junior Emma Kennay prepares to serve. At right, junior Dempsey Atkinson sets the ball.

(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

HUBS: Football team seeking third straight first-round victory

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Rochelle will be tasked with containing a Wheaton St. Francis offense that features three-star quarterback and Ball State University commit Alessio Milivojevic. The Spartans have several talented pass catchers including three-star receiver Deshaun Williams, who has offers from Central Michigan and Miami (Ohio). Wideouts Ian Willis and Zach Washington, running back TyVonn Ransom and offensive lineman Jack Donovan were CCL/ESCC All-

Conference players.

"They definitely like moving the ball down the field," Kissack said. "They like to run the ball inside and then take the top off of the defense. It'll be important for us to be fundamentally sound. We need to have our eyes in the right spots and we need to keep communicating across the field. Our inside five will have to play well in order to make them as one-dimensional as we can so we can put them in a position where we have a good idea of what they want to do."

CCL/ESCC All-Con-

ference linebacker Dom Beres anchors a Wheaton St. Francis defense that deploys multiple two-way standouts including defensive back Corin Greenwell and defensive lineman Antonio Gutierrez, who were both CCL/ESCC All-Conference athletes. Linebacker Liam Kolinski and defensive back Asher Boose also support a Spartan defense that currently allows 23.6 points per game. The Spartans are led by head coach and former AFL star Bob McMillen.

"We need at least four yards on every snap and

"It's a special opportunity and it's not anything we'll take for granted. [St. Francis] does a lot of things really well and they have some really good players. Our message is that we need to have a team-oriented game plan and we have to execute the things we do well."

Kyle Kissack

we need to stay on schedule," Kissack said. "We have to limit any negative plays and that comes down to gaining small chunks of yards in a consistent manner. They're going to have a lot of kids in the box and we'll have to make sure

our eyes are up and we're communicating so we can make the most out of our scheme. Scooping at the second level and finishing with our pads at the goal line will be important."

Rochelle and Wheaton St. Francis will kick off

on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Wheaton St. Francis. The winner will advance to face either No. 1 seed Chicago Payton or No. 16 seed Sterling in the second round, which will be held during the first weekend of November.

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8 Keeping it local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.

9 One word: Jobs. When you do business of any kind in Rochelle, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

SPORTS

RTHS Girls Tennis

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

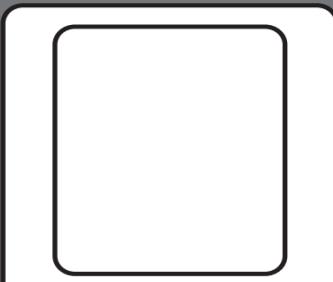


Lady Hubs take home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards during team banquet on Wednesday
 The Rochelle Lady Hub tennis team held its season-ending awards banquet on Wednesday evening, with several student-athletes receiving RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference honors. Seven Lady Hubs earned Academic All-Conference recognition including Annaleigh McKinney (Honorable Mention), Kara Martinez (Honorable Mention), Allison Dickey, Macenzie Glosser, Erin Murphy, Riley Doyle and Elin Zheng (above from left to right). Erin Murphy was named the Varsity Most Improved Player and Elin Zheng was named the Varsity High Point Award winner (below at left). Teagan Auld won the Fresh-Soph High Point Award and Sophia Losoya won the Fresh-Soph Most Improved Player Award. The varsity team finished with a 6-9 overall record this season.

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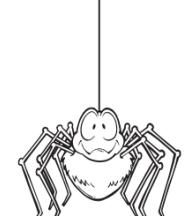
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SPORTS

NIU Football

Huskies name Andy Garcia as next play-by-play voice

Veteran of NIU radio and television crew to call NIU men's basketball and football

DEKALB—Andy Garcia, a veteran member of the Northern Illinois University Athletics broadcast team, will step into the role as the play-by-play voice of NIU men's basketball and football beginning with the 2023-24 basketball season, NIU Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation Sean T. Frazier announced Tuesday (October 24) during the Huskies' annual Basketball Media Day.

Garcia will be on the call for NIU men's basketball radio broadcasts as he takes over for 44-year veteran "Voice of the Huskies" Bill Baker. Baker announced in August that the 2023 football

season would be his last. "Andy's dedication to NIU Athletics, his professionalism and his passion for this job and all of our programs made him the perfect choice to be our new play-by-play voice," Frazier said. "He knows our teams, our coaches and our staff, he brings energy and enthusiasm to every broadcast, and we are excited to have him lead our men's basketball and football broadcasts."

Garcia, a 1999 graduate of the University of Central Florida, began working with NIU Athletics in 2006 as co-host of "NIU Weekly," a 30-minute radio show that aired on WSCR AM 670 The Score throughout

the football season. The sports director, producer and host at The Score at the time, Garcia teamed up with Huskie athletic directors to promote the teams and events, interview coaches and relay all the latest news about NIU Athletics.

In 2011, Garcia added duties as the Huskie women's basketball play-by-play announcer, calling both home and away games, and filled in as the sideline reporter on the NIU football radio broadcasts in 2012. A year later, he became the Huskies' permanent sideline reporter, where he has joined Baker and analyst Mark Lindo on the Huskie Sports Network

broadcasts for the past 11 seasons.

Garcia is also a play-by-play announcer for basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and more on NIU's ESPN3 and ESPN+ school production broadcasts and has continued to host NIU Weekly since the show moved to a video interview format, which is now available on the NIU Athletics Official YouTube Channel. He took over as host of the Inside Huskie Football and Inside Huskie Basketball Coaches radio shows beginning in 2022.

"I am honored and excited to be the next play-by-play voice of the Huskies," Garcia said. "I can't wait to bring the

passion and excitement of NIU athletics to Huskie fans that tune in to each and every broadcast."

In addition to his Huskie duties, Garcia works for Westwood One Radio Sports where he is a broadcast producer and handles affiliate sales. In those roles, he has worked multiple Super Bowls as well as at the NCAA Final Four, NCAA Frozen Four, College World Series and Women's College World Series.

Garcia will be on the call for NIU men's basketball radio broadcasts beginning with the 2023-24 regular season opener at Marquette on November 6 and will be joined by returning color

analyst and Huskie Hall of Famer Rodney Davis. Mike Haase, associate director of strategic communications and marketing who also serves as the NIU women's basketball communications contact, will add duties as the women's basketball radio play-by-play announcer in 2023-24.

Listen to all NIU men's basketball broadcasts on 94.9 WDKB FM in DeKalb, or on the NIU Huskies or The Varsity Network app.

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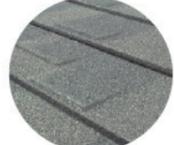
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