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RMU building improvements approved Bid for Creston Road pavement improvements approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Monday evening, the Rochelle City Council unanimously accepted a \$1.092 million proposal from Larson and Larson Builders, Inc. for improvements to the Rochelle Municipal Utilities building located at 1030 S. 7th St. The city purchased the building, which formerly housed Johnson Tractor, in recent years and has spent the time since fitting it to its use.

Larson and Larson was the low bidder. The project will take multiple years with \$900,000 in the 2023 budget and the rest will be paid out of the 2024 budget. There will also be a 10 percent project variance that would allow City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh to approve any unexpected costs during the duration of the project.

RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said the project will include new offices, a vestibule and secure entry way, men's and women's locker rooms, and an overhead door.

"We have spent quite a bit on this building," Fiegenschuh said. "I would say it's our forever home. If we were starting from scratch, it would be 10s of millions and not a million. This is our forever home and we want to make sure we do it right the first time so we don't have to make continuous changes like we've had to do at some other buildings."

Creston Road

The council unanimously



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ly approved a bid proposal from Martin and Company Excavating for \$444,735.50 for Creston Road pavement improvements.

The city's engineering department is developing a large-scale pavement resurfacing project along Creston Road later in 2024. The project will extend along Creston Road from the Interstate 39 overpass to Caron Road and north along Caron Road to the Union Pacific Railroad. The project will be utilizing federal grant funds. While conducting field analysis it was determined that approximately 1500 feet would need to be reconstructed to meet minimum base course requirements before the project could be approved for funding.

The Martin & Company bid was the low bid of two and was nine percent lower than the engineer's estimate of cost. Approval was also

given to Fiegenschuh and/or City Engineer Sam Tesreau to negotiate further change order work not to exceed \$46,000 to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to the project. It is anticipated the initial reconstruction project will be substantially complete by the end of November 2023.

509 Lincoln Ave.

The council discussed the property at 509 Lincoln Ave. that it recently purchased and the building on it that it plans to demolish to remove blight. City Community Development Michelle Pease said that due to the property being located in the Downtown Historic District, a mitigation process will be required before demolition and it will include a public hearing and workshop on historic tax credits.

"I know whatever hap-

pens with that building in the end, it will be far better than what it is today," Mayor John Bearrows said.

Power

The council unanimously approved an ordinance waiving competitive bidding for a power purchase agreement for RMU for \$1,671,696. The purchase was made due to needs across stretches of 2023, 2024 and 2025 and will secure pricing stability for RMU rate payers, Fiegenschuh said.

Swearing-in

A swearing-in ceremony was held for new Rochelle Fire Department Firefighter Trey Lodico.

Lodico is a 2012 graduate of Rochelle Township High School and a 2015 graduate of Kishwaukee College.

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Best of Ogle County 2023 sees 29,928 votes cast

OGLE COUNTY — Best of Ogle County 2023 voting is completed and winners of each category are currently being contacted. The winners section will come out in the Rochelle News-Leader on Sunday, Oct. 8 and in the Ogle County Life on Monday, Oct. 9.

During the voting period, 29,928 votes were cast by 3,820 people. A total of 9,155 more votes were cast this year than in 2022. 564 entrants were victorious this year. 69.7 percent of voters were female, 27.6 percent of voters were male and 2.7 percent preferred not to say.

There were 39 voters in the 13-17 age group, 352 voters in the 18-24 age group, 921 voters in the 25-34 age group, 761 voters in the 35-44 age group, 759 voters in the 45-54 age group, 680 voters in the 55-64 age group and 499 voters at or above age 65.

A total of 1,158 voters opted in to receive the Rochelle News-Leader Newsletter.

"It was another successful Best of Ogle County contest," Ogle County Life and Rochelle News-Leader General Manager Mike Feltes said. "The staff of the Rochelle News-Leader and Ogle County Life would like to thank the voters and businesses for participating."

Library plans downsized following unexpected funding gap 'It will still meet the base needs, but it was a very difficult redesign to go through'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

CRESTON — The Creston-Dement Public Library District is currently finalizing its redesigned plans for a new library in the village following an unexpected \$800,000 funding gap due to not receiving state grant funds, Board President Doug Kroupa said Sept. 19.

A referendum passed last June that allowed the Creston-Dement Public Library District to issue \$2.2 million in bonds to build a new library building at the corner of Main and Cedarholm Streets on land that was donated years ago for a new library. The library district went out for bids for the project

in April and received bids of around \$3.1 million, Kroupa said.

The library was unable to accept any of those bids due to an \$800,000 grant not being funded by the state. The redesigned plans will make the project about a third smaller. Another bidding process is planned for October or November. The redesign will cause about a year-long delay.

"With the change of plans and the state not funding the grant that we received, we had to re-shape the building to meet the \$2.2 million," Kroupa said. "We shortened the length of the building. We got rid of some of the other architectural design-type things like stone across the front of the building,



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reshaping the parking lot and some other things. The building is a little bit

smaller. It still meets the needs of the community. We lost things like some

of the study rooms."

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LOCAL NEWS



During Monday's City Council meeting, Mayor John Bearrows read a proclamation making Oct. 1-7 Public Power Week in the city and presented it to City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh (left). A swearing in ceremony was also held for new Rochelle Fire Department Firefighter Trey Lodico (right).



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

COUNCIL: Oct. 1-7 proclaimed as Public Power Week in Rochelle

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He served in the Army as a combat medic with deployments in Kuwait and Jordan and was honorably

discharged in 2023. He will enter the firefighting academy on Oct. 2.

Proclamation

During Monday's City

Council meeting, Bearrows read a proclamation making Oct. 1-7 Public Power Week in the city. Bearrows presented the proclamation to Fiegenschuh and spoke

about his appreciation for RMU.

"I appreciate the recognition of Public Power Week," Fiegenschuh said. "We're one of the 39 mu-

nicipalities in the state that owns its own generation and distribution system. In part, we're able to do things like employ more firefighters because we

have RMU and we transfer five percent of our RMU utility revenues over the general funds. The public power utility benefits all aspects of our community."



Rochelle Township High School names 2023 Homecoming Court nominees

Rochelle Township High School recently named its 2023 Homecoming court nominees ahead of Homecoming week. The coronation ceremony will take place the night of Thursday, Sept. 28. Seniors (bottom right): Anahi Alanis, Parker Lenkaitis, Elise Horner, Aiden Ramsey, Adaleiah Villalobos, Jack Lodico, Emily Montelongo and Brock Metzger. Juniors (bottom left): Marianna Saldana, Colton Czekala, Taelynn Rodeghero, Markevion Cooper, Abby Metzger, Trent Kreider, Jasmynn Lipscomb and Khalil Winston. Sophomores (top right): Jaydin Dickey, Brode Metzger, Audyn Kemp, Roman Villalobos, Ava Horner and Frank Nasca. Freshmen (top left): Emy Cacique, German Albertson, Dylan Etes, Dylan Manning, Elyse Manning and Adam Cobos.

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Phillips Family Benefit

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LOCAL NEWS



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Hintzsches, Jeff Perry Autos donate to RACF

ROCHELLE — Jeff Perry Autos and Lauren and John Hintzsche recently came together and made a total donation of \$300 to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. Jeff Perry gave \$100 to the Hintzsche-Hinkston Classroom Support Fund, which provides as-

sets to assist students in the classroom. Then Mr. and Mrs. Hintzsche gave their \$200 to RACF's new Plant The Seed Fund which promotes agriculture in the community. "Jeff Perry Autos, the Hintzsches and the RACF have formed a great partnership through a creative way of fundraising," RACF Executive Director

Emily Anaya said, "Two funds were impacted by this donation which will have an everlasting impact on our community. You can find Jeff Perry's and Lauren's post on the shares and likes on Facebook. We are truly blessed to have creative people who are community minded that support the RACF."



(COURTESY PHOTO)
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RACF announces new Kay and Jim Beardin Community Endowment

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) is honored to announce the Kay and Jim Beardin Community Endowment Fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide support for evolving needs that impact the community through the power of change towards the advancement of the Rochelle area.

"This fund is in honor of Kay's beautiful life and love for her family and community," Jim Beardin said. "Often, I drive around Rochelle and it brings up so many memories of the things we did. I realize that these things are in the past and now we must plan for the future. It's about the legacy we want to leave,

small town living, and the importance of funds such as this."

Emily Anaya, RACF executive director, said, "You can't talk about Rochelle without talking about Kay and Jim Beardin. They are lifelong community members that have led a life of service and support. When speaking to Jim, I can feel the passion and love he has for his late wife Kay. He is able to honor her legacy with this endowment fund while forever supporting the Rochelle community. It is because of donors like him and Kay that the RACF is able to continue on its mission and vision. We are truly blessed to partner with Jim on this fund and celebrate the life and legacy

of Kay."

The Kay and Jim Beardin Community Endowment Fund is a Field of Interest fund where the donor is supporting an area of interest. They will rely on the foundation's experience and expertise to annually recommend community needs grants to projects, programs and services that enhance our community while supporting the fund's stated purpose.

If you want to help grow this fund, you can do so by donating online at rochellefoundation.org, click Donate and it is located under the Field of Interest section. You can also call the RACF at 815-561-3600 or email at director@rochellefoundation.org.

Extraordinary 4-H volunteers honored including Ogle County's Johnson

OREGON — Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 6,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Carl Heide, DeKalb County; Amy Hildebrandt, Boone County; and Gretchen Johnson, Ogle County were recently honored by Illinois 4-H for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

In 2023, 53 individuals were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame.

Illinois 4-H honors and celebrates extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those

inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by county University of Illinois Extension staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion at the Illinois State Fair 4-H Alumni & Volunteer Celebration events.

Heide has been a judge for the DeKalb County general projects show for over 32 years. He is known for being friendly and encouraging. He also does an exceptional job of talking to the 4-H members about their projects and guiding and leading youth. Hildebrandt has served as

a 4-H leader of the Manchester Mavericks 4-H club for nearly 20 years. In addition, she served as an Illinois 4-H chaperone to 4-H Club Congress. Currently Amy is a member of the Expansion and Review Committee and is a founding member of the Boone County 4-H Foundation. Johnson has been a dedicated volunteer for over 12 years. She has coached the horse bowl and hippology team for 12 years and has led them to qualify at state and national levels. Gretchen took on the role of managing the children's farm during the Ogle County 4-H Fair. She recently joined the Ogle DeKalb 4-H Horse Committee.

OCSWMD reminds residents about open burning guidance

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) responds to multiple citizen complaints each fall regarding the open burning of landscape waste and other materials. These complaints range from the illegal open burning of waste and trash to the nuisance conditions produced by smoldering leaves, grass clippings, and other landscape waste.

The OCSWMD reminds Ogle County residents that the open burning of most types of waste is prohibited throughout Illinois. The open burning of garbage, demolition debris, old buildings, furniture, mattresses, tires, plastic and other forms of municipal waste continue to be problematic for residents and the OCSWMD each fall. The open burning of most waste in Illinois is in violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Ogle County ordinances. Open burning

may be punishable through substantial fines and/or a class A misdemeanor.

The burning of solid waste leads to a variety of problems for area residents, including the air pollution from the smoke created, toxic ash piles after the fire and the possibility of the fire spreading beyond control. It can result in adverse impacts on your neighbors and your families' health and safety, and our local first responders.

The OCSWMD discourages the open burning of landscape waste in Ogle County and encourages residents to either bag up the landscape waste and have it hauled away to be composted, or use a lawnmower to mulch up fallen leaves, as opposed to open burning. If you live in or near a municipality there may be more restrictive ordinances in place regarding the open burning of landscape waste. Check your local ordinances prior to any open burning of landscape waste.

Residents who choose to burn landscape waste may only do so in unrestricted areas, with materials grown on the property. If you will be burning your landscape waste, the fire must not create nuisance air pollution for others, and may not obscure or interfere with modes of transportation, such as roads or rail lines. Be sure the fire does not smolder and create excess smoke, and that the fire cannot spread uncontrolled. The fire should be monitored at all times and having a water source nearby is encouraged. Wind and drought conditions should also be monitored.

Contact the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, go to www.oglecountyil.gov, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept. for more information about landscape waste disposal options, or for information regarding the reuse, recycling, or proper disposal of waste materials.

Public Hearing Notice

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District, Ogle County, Illinois.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be held on October 4, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at 106 S. Maple Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Curt Fruit, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, 106 S. Maple Street, Davis Junction, IL 61020, (815) 393-4422.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2022-2023 were \$519,164.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2023-2024 are \$589,532.00. This represents a 13.5541% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022-2023 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023-2024 are \$0.00. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2022-2023 were \$519,164.00.

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Barbara A. Moore

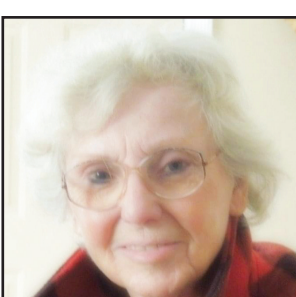
RHINELANDER, Wis. — Barbara A. Moore, born February 19, 1938, passed away on September 21, 2023. Preceded in death by her parents. Edward and Irene Young, brother Robert L. Young, nephew Jerry Young and her second husband, Neil J. Moore.

Survived by her daughter Nancee Krause of Lockport IL, son Thomas (Rose) Krause of Rochelle IL, grandchildren Jacob Krause, Andrew (Isabel Favela) Krause, Sarah Krause and one great-grandson Levi Krause. Also surviving are several cousins, her sister-in-law, Sandra Young, nephews James, John and Joel Young and many dear friends.

Barbara grew up in Lockport IL where she graduated from high school in 1956. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Ed-

ucation from Chicago State in 1970 and a Master of Science in Education from Northern Illinois University in 1972. Barbara taught for many years in Rochelle IL and Crandon WI.

She enjoyed music and many outdoor activities such as canoeing, camping, snow shoeing and cross country skiing. Most of all she loved horses, dogs, cats, goats, chickens and anything else with four legs. When she was young, many dogs "followed" her home. Her horses gave her many hours of pleasure riding with her friends on the trails around her beloved farm outside of Rhineland WI. Many of her horses were American Saddlebreds. She appreciated their intelligence and beauty and they were a source of great enjoyment to her. She was a member of the North



Woods Mounted Search and Rescue.

She was an infamous cook and a vegetarian who loved BBQ ribs and sloppy joes. Favorite menu items included salmon patties with leftover baked beans and fried potatoes mixed right into the patty. Children who were served burnt toast were told that the carbon was good for their teeth. The other option was to "make it themselves"! Recipes are available upon request.

Cremation rights have been accorded per Barbara's wishes. A celebration of life will be held in Rhineland at a later date. If you are so inclined, please consider a donation in Barbara's memory to the charity of your choice.

Daniel D. Goff

ROCHELLE — Daniel D. Goff, age 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Rochelle, Illinois on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Dan was born on April 21, 1947 to James and Maida (Le Mar) Goff in Rochelle, IL. On May 20, 1967, he married Karen Espe at Calvary Lutheran Church, rural Lee, IL.

Dan proudly served in the United States Navy from 1967-1969 spending most of his time aboard the USS Camden, a fast combat support ship, off the coast of Viet Nam. He often talked about how much he enjoyed serving his country.

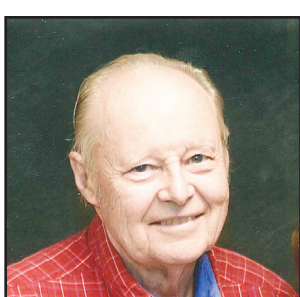
In 1972, Dan began his construction company. He built 91 homes in Ogle, DeKalb and Lee counties, plus home additions and remodeling projects. He was a hard worker and loved being his own boss. His sons spent many hours working with their dad and learned valuable carpentry skills along with life lessons. Because of illness,

Dan retired in 2021.

Dan enjoyed his 27 cruising vacations with Karen and their trips to Arizona for White Sox Spring Training games. He enjoyed fishing and watching TV. He seldom missed a Sox game on TV although some games were interrupted with a nap. For many years, Dan spent early mornings at the "coffee shop" meeting with friends.

Dan loved spending time with his family. He was very proud of his sons and daughters-in-law. "Papa" always looked forward to seeing his grandchildren whether in person or on FaceTime.

Dan is survived by his wife of 56 years, Karen, two sons: Scot (Michele) Goff of Johns Creek, GA and Michael (Carrie) Goff of Arlington Heights, IL; and two grandchildren: Caitlin Elizabeth and William Daniel of Arlington Heights. Also surviving is his brother, David (Lisa) Goff of Rockford, IL. He



was preceded in death by his parents and a sister in infancy.

Dan's motto in life was reflected in the song, "My Way" sung by Frank Sinatra. "Let the record show I took all the blows and did it MY WAY!"

Per Dan's wishes, no public service will be held. His family will celebrate his life at a later date. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Dan's memory to K9's for Warriors or Serenity Hospice and Home in care of Unger-Horner Funeral Home.

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Clarence Edward MacTaggart

CARMEL, Ind. — Clarence Edward MacTaggart, 87, of Carmel, Indiana, passed away September 20, 2023. He was born in Oelwein, Iowa to the late Wiloughby and Florance MacTaggart on April 29, 1936. He grew up on a farm outside Strawberry Point, Iowa, surrounded by seven brothers and sisters. He is survived by a sister, Mary Garrett, of Boise, Idaho and twin brothers, Earl, of Littleton, Colorado, and Verl, of Burlington, Kansas.

Clarence graduated from Strawberry Point High School in 1954 and, shortly thereafter, was swept up in the last polio

epidemic, after which he was no longer able to walk on his own without crutches and leg braces. He received polio treatment and rehabilitation at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

Clarence worked as a linotype operator at several printing companies, moving his family to Rochelle, Illinois in 1963, where he worked for several years at Rochelle Printing. He later started his own printing business in Rochelle, Scotch Printing, which was later renamed Printing, Etc. Clarence resided in Rochelle until 2021, then lived briefly at assisted living facilities in Rochelle, Dekalb, and Sycamore, Illinois, before moving to the Barrington of Carmel skilled nursing facility in Carmel, Indiana, in May 2023.

Clarence is survived by his sons, David (Constance), Chris (Barbara), James, Tom (Julie), and nine grandchildren: Melissa, Eric (Dana), Bruce (Jenna), Adam (Laurene), Kevin, Shannon (Fanie), Sarah, Ashley, and Justin. Clarence also had three great-grandchildren: Petra, Rory, and Robin. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of sixty-five years, Jean Ann (Ohl) MacTaggart, and son, Scott.

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A private memorial service will be held in Strawberry Point, Iowa, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. If you wish to post a memory or send condolences to the family, you may do so by logging into the following website: <https://www.arn-mortuary.com/obituary/Clarence-MacTaggart>.

Kathy Dawn Daugherty

DIXON — Kathy Dawn Daugherty, 61, passed away Friday, Sept. 22,

2023 at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon. Arrangements are pending

at Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Guest book at www.ungerhorner.com

GoFundMe established for Davis Junction man injured in motorcycle accident in Creston

DAVIS JUNCTION — A GoFundMe fundraiser has been established for a Davis Junction man that is in critical condition following a motorcycle vs. pickup truck accident on Sept. 22 in Creston.

On Sept. 22 at approximately 6:42 a.m. deputies responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and North Woodlawn Road in Creston in response to a two-vehicle accident. Upon investigation, deputies learned a southbound

BMW motorcycle operated by Johannes H. De Klerk, 52, of Davis Junction, had failed to yield to oncoming traffic at a posted stop sign before colliding with the side of a westbound Ford F-150, operated by Jared D. Lobos, 43, of Rochelle. De Klerk was transported from the scene with life-threatening injuries.

"He is sedated and has not been conscious since the accident," family friend Josie Symone Winters wrote on the GoFundMe she created. "As of Friday he already went through nine units of blood. Johan recently lost his job at the beginning of August due to his company closing and he is without medical insurance at this time." Winters hopes to raise \$20,000. To view the GoFundMe, please visit: <https://gf.me/v/c/mgcm/wthgh-medical-bills-for-motorcycle-accident>

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DeKlerk was transported to Northwestern Kishwaukee Hospital in Dekalb and then was later flown by helicopter to OSF Trauma center in Rockford due to the extent of his injuries.

"Johan is currently in critical condition and is on a ventilator because he cannot currently breathe on his own," The GoFundMe said. "He has multiple broken ribs, a broken femur and fibula in his left leg with minimal pulse. He has already had surgery due to internal bleeding, has had his spleen removed, as well as a section of his pancreas. He has a small brain bleed and head injuries.

"Johan will need to undergo multiple surgeries and has many, many months of recovery ahead of him. Any donations or prayers are greatly appreciated to help this family during this very difficult time."

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

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LOCAL NEWS

LIBRARY: Board President Kroupa details changes to new project in Creston

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"We got rid of things like the family bathroom, so now we'll only have men's and women's bathrooms. We reshaped the building in such a way that if additional grants become available, we can restructure the building without a complete reorganization of everything in there. The plumbing for the family bathroom will still be in there if we can ever afford to put one in. We redesigned it with the future in mind with the funds that we have in hand right now."

Kroupa said redesigning the library plans was "not an easy task." Other cuts included a brick wall for book drops with signage on it and signage that was planned to be placed near the street.

"It was very difficult for the board and the architects to identify how we could reshape with the amount of money that we have and make sure that everything fit and still meet the base goal that we told our taxpayers for the referendum," Kroupa said. "We didn't want to short them and give them something they didn't want. It will still meet the base needs, but it was a very difficult redesign to go through."

Kroupa said the spring is when construction on the new library will most likely start. The building will remain in its original planned footprint in the event that expansions could happen in the future if growth and funds allow for it.

The library district has also looked to cut costs in items that will fill the library including shelves

and furniture.

"Book shelves would've cost in excess of \$250,000," Kroupa said. "We were able to find donated shelves from another library that gave us that amount of shelving at zero cost. That was from Byron. Those are the kinds of things we're doing to work through all these things and still meet our budget and still provide as much of a facility as we proposed to the community. Furniture was estimated at \$250,000-500,000. We can get things from other places that are donated or at a low cost. And these things are in good shape. We're getting fine equipment because this is a great community."

Creston Library Director Kristi Scherer called the loss of the grant and redesign process "very disheartening" due to the fact

that the new library process has been many years in the making. The land was donated for it 20 years ago by former Creston resident Charlotte Berg, who has since passed away.

"It was excitement when the village finally annexed the land," Scherer said. "And then we got the referendum passed. And then it's like letting the air out of the balloon that we had to redesign. I want space for the kids and for books. We try to do educational programs and we need more room. It's very frustrating not moving forward. We want to move forward and see the vision that Charlotte had for the community."

The community's support of the new library project hasn't wavered. At the recent Creston Booster Days, the library

district received monetary donations for the project. Residents have offered to help move items down the street to the new library when it's finished and one individual offered to purchase a refrigerator for it so the library can offer a free lunch program during the summers.

"That made my heart sing," Scherer said. "We love the community. A kid came in one day with a bunch of change and put it in the donation box. Even the little kids know that we're going to be building the new library. That's very heartwarming."

On Oct. 21, the Creston Acoustic Music Festival will take place to benefit the new library. There will be music from various groups and individuals and it will be held at the Creston Booster Hall from

5-10 p.m. On Oct. 28, there will be an Elvis performer at the Booster Hall as well.

Kroupa said it's still an exciting time for the Creston-Dement Public Library District amid the redesign.

"It's a disappointment, but there's still a lot of excitement going on," Kroupa said. We're still getting a tremendous asset for the community. We designed it so it can still grow as the community grows. Our first re-envision drastically changed it and we morphed it back into something that can continue to grow without major redesign aspects. I think that was a way of helping the community realize additional potential. Building Creston is a goal that's continuing. I think we'll see because of the library, we'll see other growth in town as a result."

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROCHELLE — On Sept. 22 at 3:04 p.m. Kimberly D. Crisp, 57, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. She was released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 22 at 10:22 p.m. Rene Garcia-Qunito, 41, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license revoked and cited for operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration. He

was released on an I-Bond with an Oct. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 23 at 1:35 a.m. Pablo F. Lopez, 21, of Grand Island, Nebraska was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released on an I-Bond with an Oct. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 23 at 7:25 p.m. Fred A. Reisinger, 82, of Rochelle was arrested on

an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$500 and was released with an Oct. 18 Ogle County court date.

On Sept. 24 at 12:18 a.m. Cecilia C. Seier, 26, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. Axel Mendez Morales, 21, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for speeding 55 miles

per hour in a 40 miles per hour speed zone. He was released on an I-Bond with an Oct. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 23 at 10:56 a.m. Devin R. Verdier, 28, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and disobeying a traffic control device. He was given a notice to appear and an Oct. 20 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 25 at 12:50 a.m. Lonnie C. Howard, 42, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and an outstanding DuPage County warrant and transferred.

On Sept. 25 at 12:22 p.m. Nasanbukh Tumurtseren, 65, of Sandy, Utah was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 3 Rochelle

court date.

On Sept. 25 at 5:14 p.m. Elijah Olundro, 23, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Sept. 25 at 7:14 p.m. Dustin Slis, 41, of Rochelle was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was released on an I-Bond with an Oct. 27 Ogle County court date.

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OGLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OREGON — On Sept. 22 at approximately 10:28 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of Hill Street in Mt. Morris for moving and equipment violations. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Codi Despain, 18, of Florida, for no driver's license. Despain was released on a notice to appear and shall appear in court on a later date.

On Sept. 22 deputies were investigating a driving complaint in the 600 block of North Colfax Street. During their investigation they learned Richard Glover, 43, of Rockford, possessed a suspended driver's license. Glover was taken into custody, cited for driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear.

On Sept. 22 at approximately 6:42 a.m. deputies

responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and North Woodlawn Road in Creston in response to a two-vehicle accident. Upon investigation, deputies learned a southbound BMW motorcycle operated by Johannes H. De Klerk, 52, of Davis Junction, had failed to yield to oncoming traffic at a posted stop sign before colliding with the side of a westbound Ford F-150, op-

erated by Jared D. Lobos, 43, of Rochelle. De Klerk was transported from the scene with life-threatening injuries. This collision remains under investigation. The Creston and Rochelle Fire Departments assisted deputies at the scene.

On Sept. 23 at 6:16 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Interstate 88 and Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Joseph

Green, 25, of Sterling, for driving without a valid license. Green was released with a notice to appear.

On Sept. 23 at approximately 11:40 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of West Pines Road and South Lowell Park Road in response to a two-vehicle accident. After an investigation, it was determined that a black Jeep, driven by a male juvenile, was driving

southbound on Lowell Park when it failed to yield to a westbound Chevrolet Malibu. The Chevrolet was driven by Giselle Gaztambide, 28, of Lisle. Gaztambide was transported to the hospital for suspected minor injuries. The male juvenile driver was cited for failure to obey stop sign.

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LOCAL VIEWS

GUEST COLUMN

Illinois: Don't swap money bail for digital jails

ILLINOIS has made history. With the implementation of The Pretrial Fairness Act on Sept. 18, it is the first state to fully eliminate cash bond. This means that no one will be held in jail simply because they cannot afford to pay for their freedom. But this historic win for pretrial freedom is in jeopardy.

State court judges and a newly created agency — the Office of State Pretrial Services (OSPS) — are primed to replace the freedom provided for in the Pretrial Fairness Act with GPS-equipped electronic ankle monitoring (EM), a technology that has no proven track record and causes more harm than good. At the end of August, OSPS rolled out plans to substantially expand the use of monitoring in Illinois, setting the state up to have the largest number of people on monitors in the United States. Illinois faces a choice: remain a beacon of hope for pretrial justice

reform or provide another example of a failed attempt at change.

To pre-ordain the expanded use of ankle monitors is a mistake. As researchers who study the use of electronic monitoring throughout the United States, we are concerned. No research shows that EM leads to better outcomes as compared to people being released without a monitor. The evidence from the pretrial EM program in Cook County, one of the largest and most rigorously studied in the United States, is unequivocal: Placing a person on an electronic monitor does not impact their likelihood of committing more crimes or make it more likely they will show up to court.

Instead, research shows that EM, particularly when combined with house arrest, directly undermines a person's stability when it

is needed most. In addition to 24/7 location tracking, the rules associated with monitoring and house arrest make it difficult for people to seek or sustain work, keep their housing, visit relatives, attend church, meet with their lawyers, respond to medical emergencies or care for their children, to name just a few examples. Although not confined to a jail cell, monitoring, like jail, limits privacy, restricts liberty and disrupts family and financial security. The Pretrial Fairness Act provides some guaranteed movement

for people on monitors, but it is not enough to ensure people can easily care for themselves and others. The technology is also faulty. The monitors, which are meant to track and record people's movement in real-time, have a history of producing false alerts. In Cook

County, one report noted that 80 percent of alerts from monitors were "false positives." These alerts erroneously placed a person away from their home when they were not. These technological "glitches" often led to rearrest for alleged violation of the rules, leading to more incarceration, the very thing the new law is supposed to decrease.

In a recent interview, an OSPS representative said they are "not encouraging" judges to order electronic monitoring once the new law goes into effect. But by providing widespread access to flawed and ineffective technology, the agency is creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. California offers a cautionary lesson. After the state's bail practices were reformed, the number of people on monitors pretrial in Los Angeles increased dramatically and there was no

net decrease in the pretrial jail population. San Francisco saw similar trends, raising concerns that monitoring is being used too much.

To be clear, under the new law, judges are required to release people who are deemed *not* a safety risk and *not* likely to flee. This means that most people released under the new law do not need monitoring because they are neither a safety or flight risk. Most people released pretrial are successful without any added conditions, and the most effective services a court can provide are simple, non-punitive ones: court reminders, transportation to court, child care assistance, and referrals to voluntary community-based services.

People on pretrial release need support, not surveillance. The state is

poised to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on monitors. These funds would be better spent on mental health services, jobs, affordable housing, and effective treatment for substance use. Rather than incarcerate people in their own homes, Illinois should work to improve people's quality of life and support their social and economic security.

The Pretrial Fairness Act is a model for other states seeking to eliminate the broken cash bail system. Yet by swapping cash bail for electronic monitoring, Illinois courts and the OSPS risk undermining years of progress and reform.

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Alicia Virani



Kate Weisburd

Scott Reeder: Remembering Bill Black

BILL Black was a lawmaker who alternated between being outraged and outrageous.

The former Danville high school history teacher died Sept. 9. He was one of my favorite people in the Illinois General Assembly.

Humor was a big part of how Black legislated.

When he sponsored the legislation that ultimately outlawed bestiality he told me: "I'm from farm country. I've heard all the jokes: 'Honest, officer I was just trying to help the sheep over the fence.' But until recently, I didn't know that this stuff actually goes on. But I've seen police reports that show that dogs and cats have died while having sex with humans."

He later added, "I think it is the type of behavior that would be very hard for someone to say, 'What I do in the privacy of my own pasture is only my business.'"

Another time during

a House debate on a bill to allow alcohol to be served for formal events in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, he suggested that men would be staggering back into the replica of the Lincoln log cabin to urinate.

Former State Rep. Tom Ryder, who now lives in Springfield, said Black was his guiding star.

"I got there in August of '83. Bill came a few years later. We matured through the General Assembly together. He eventually became the floor spokesman. His responsibility was to tell (Republican members) on the floor about each and every bill, ask questions where appropriate and sometimes to slow down the process to keep things from moving along.

"He loved to give speeches. Sometimes they were fiery and sometimes they were eloquent. But he always knew what he was doing — even in his worst moments — like

when he threw a Kleenex box at the speaker, which by the way didn't go more than about two rows. He had the worst pitching arm in the General Assembly."

Despite being of different political parties and having had a Kleenex box hurled at him, Black maintained a friendship with longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan.

"I can say pretty safely that of all the folks on the Republican side with whom I've served, Bill Black was the only one who was welcomed into Mike Madigan's office whenever he wanted to talk to him," Ryder recalled.

In the hyper-partisan environment of Springfield, such friendships are becoming increasingly rare. And Black paid a political price for breaking with his party on a significant bill.

In 2010, House Republican Leader Tom Cross demoted Black from his leadership position after Black voted for a Democratic-backed pension borrowing measure.

It was not only the ultimate slap in the face that a leader could give a subordinate. It also was a significant cut in pay.

Black was no fool. He knew the consequences of voting against his party's leadership. But he considered his boss to be the voters of east-central Illinois, not some caucus leader in a fancy statehouse office.

"Sometimes he'd get mad and he'd say, 'I'm done with this' and head back for Danville and we have to talk him out of it," Ryder recalled. "But he was my rock. He was my North Star. I did appropriations for over a decade, which meant I was off the floor (during

debates) a lot.

"And occasionally they'd call us back to the floor on a particular vote. I always looked to see how Bill Black was voting because I knew he knew the issues. And most of the time, if Bill was voting that way, that's the way my vote should be as well. There were a few occasions in which he said to me, 'I gotta be this way, but you should be the other way.'"

In an environment where politicians are often obsessed with position, Black was ambivalent. After serving 25 years in the House, he returned to Danville where he again held elective office, first as an alderman and later as a Danville Area Community College Trustee.

Neither was as prestigious as serving in the legislature from which he resigned. But Black valued service more than status.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar added, "We all have egos

in this business. But he had his under control. He liked to be in the middle of things, but he always wanted to get something done. There are some people who like power for power's sake. There are others who like power to be able to get things done. And he liked to get things done."

Edgar added that the political process is producing fewer politicians like Black today.

"I think today we've got a lot of legislators who would just rather be right in their own minds than to get things done for their district. Bill had strong opinions and he'd voice them. But at the end of the day, he knew he had to work with other people if he was going to get anything for his people. Unfortunately, that is not as abundant in Springfield as it used to be."

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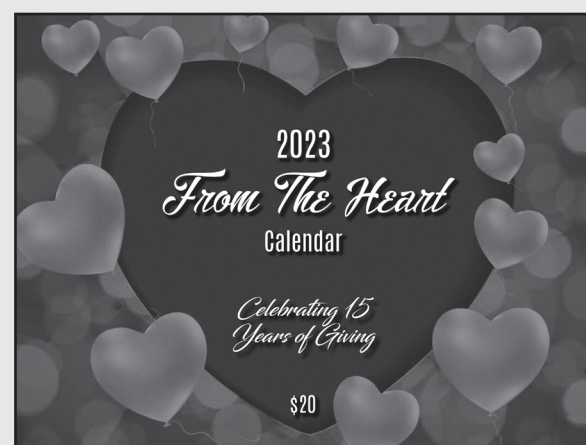
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ASHTON NEWS



AFC Girl Scout Troop donates to HOPE of Ogle County
HOPE of Ogle County recently thanked Ashton-Franklin Center Girl Scout Troup 5222 for their donations to HOPE. The items were much needed.

State Rep. Fritts to seek re-election

DIXON — Following his Second Annual Farm Fest Fundraiser, State Rep. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) released the following statement regarding his bid for re-election in Illinois House District 74.

“Growing up in rural Illinois I always heard the same phrase repeated to me. Adults telling me to ‘grow up, get an education, and get out of Illinois.’ Well, as a fourth-generation family farmer, throwing in the towel and walking away isn’t in my blood. I love the state of Illinois and the incredible community we have built in District 74. Instead of walking away, I chose to stay here, roll up my sleeves, and get to work.”

“At 22 years old, I was the youngest representative ever elected to the Illinois General Assembly. In my first term, I passed four bills through the Illinois House, all of which were local initiatives brought to me by you, the people of District 74.”

“This summer, I spent my time touring the district. I made over 38 stops on my summer tour, speaking with hundreds of district residents, local officials, job creators, nonprofit leaders and constituents in need of assistance.”

“I am proud of the work we have accomplished in my first term, but there is always more work to be done. Rural Illinois is feeling the effects of urban legislators who have continued to ignore our part of the state over many years. Crumbling infrastructure, lack of access to medical care, rising crime, and desperate need for economic development are just a few of the reasons why I am running for re-election.”

“I am honored to serve my constituents by focusing on real, bipartisan solutions, and I look forward to receiving your vote on March 19th.”

For more information about State Representative Bradley Fritts, visit his website at fritts4rep.com.



AFC NHS students assist with shuttle student supervision
Ashton-Franklin Center Junior/Senior High School National Honor Society members assist with supervision for AFC Elementary shuttle students each morning. “Whether it’s playing in the gym, coloring together to decorate the cafeteria, or simply sharing a positive message to start their day, we are proud of these leaders and how they care for our elementary students,” an AFC School District Facebook post said. “Thank you NHS!”

AFC volleyball team concedes two losses

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity volleyball team fell against Fulton on Tuesday, Sept. 19, conceding a 13-25, 15-25 loss in two sets. Mallory Coffman and Brianna Gonnerman each finished with four kills, while Taylor Jahn and Kaelynn Larson each totaled five digs. Audree Dorn recorded eight assists and Larson finished with two total blocks in the loss.

The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity volleyball team lost against Eastland on Thursday, Sept. 21, conceding a 17-25, 17-25 defeat. Mallory Coffman and Kaelynn Larson combined for seven service aces in the match, while Audree Dorn and Taylor Jahn teamed up for 10 digs. Brianna Gonnerman finished with five assists and Dorn added three assists for the Lady Raiders.



Aldridge named AFC Raider of the Week
Andera Aldridge (volleyball) was recently named the Ashton-Franklin Center High School Raider of the Week. “She was selected by her coaches or teachers for her hard work in athletics and in the classroom,” a district Facebook post said. “She is a perfect example of what it means to be a Raider. Congratulations Andera!” The weekly award is made possible by sponsors Rev on 38, New Creations Constructions, Mimini’s General Store, Ralphie & LuLu’s, Hueber Feeds, The Huddle Café, tmg designs and the AFC Athletic Boosters.

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PRIME TIME

What to know about the stages of Alzheimer's disease

DEMENTIA is a broad term for memory loss and other cognitive issues, such as language and problem-solving problems, that can interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease is one type of dementia. More than 6.2 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, indicates the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. The Alzheimer's Association says more than 747,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, and worldwide 44 million people are living with dementia.

AD is caused by damage to nerve cells in the brain, known as neurons, that are essential to thinking, walking, talking, and all human activity. Researchers say that the first noticeable symptoms tend to be memory, language and thinking problems. However, the brain changes that cause the symptoms are believed to begin 20 years or more before the appearance of symptoms.

Once AD sets in, it is a progressive disorder. There is no cure and cognitive

issues will only continue to get worse as time goes on. At some point, around-the-clock care may be required, and patients with AD may need to enter a memory care facility because their needs may exceed the abilities of caregivers.

The AFA notes there are three stages of AD, mild, moderate and late, and each stage produces unique symptoms.

Mild

- Forget words or misplace objects
- Forget something they just read
- Ask the same question over and over
- Have increasing trouble making plans or organizing
- Fail to remember names when meeting new people

Moderate

- Increased memory loss and confusion
- Problems recognizing family and friends
- Continuously repeating stories
- Decreased ability to perform complex tasks or handle personal finances
- Lack of concern for



hygiene and appearance

- Requiring assistance in choosing proper clothing to wear for day, season or occasion

Severe

- Recognize faces but forget names
- Mistake a person for someone else
- Delusions may set in

- Strong need for holding something close for tactile stimulation or companionship

• Basic abilities fade during this period. Individuals will need help with all basic activities of daily living.

People may wonder why AD is eventually fatal when it seemingly only

affects cognition. Although cognitive issues that result in memory impairment are not necessarily life-threatening, the disease also can affect the body physically. The most common cause of death among Alzheimer's patients is aspiration pneumonia. That happens when, due to difficulty in swallowing, an individual

inhales food particles, liquid or even gastric fluids inadvertently, says UCLA Health.

Alzheimer's disease is a serious condition that affects millions of people. It's important to discuss warning signs with doctors and get the facts about this form of dementia as early as possible.

How caregivers can help alleviate stress on seniors

SERVING as a caregiver for a friend or loved one can be both rewarding and taxing at the same time. The senior housing authority A Place for Mom indicates that 41 million Americans offer unpaid caregiving services, and that number is expected to increase as the aging population grows in the coming decades. Formal caregivers are paid care providers in a home or care setting. However, an informal caregiver is an unpaid individual that assists others with activities of daily living as well as medical tasks.

Whether one is a formal or informal caregiver, researchers have long known that caregiving can adversely affect a caregiver's mental and physical health. The AARP Public Policy Institute says 17 percent of caregivers feel their health in general has gotten worse due to caregiving responsibilities. The National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP also indicate older caregivers caring for persons age 65 and older report a higher degree of physical strain.

The fatigue that arises from caring for another individual is often referred to as caregiver burnout. Since caregiving takes place over several years, the impact can escalate overtime. Caregiver stress is directly related to burnout. One of the first steps to take is recognizing the signs of caregiver burnout so that action can be taken to improve the situation.

The Mayo Clinic says signs of caregiver stress include:

- worrying all the time
- feeling tired often
- changes in sleep
- gaining or losing weight
- becoming easily irked or angry
- losing interest in activities once enjoyed
- feeling sad or depressed
- experiencing frequent headaches, pains or other health problems
- misusing drugs or alcohol, including prescriptions
- missing your own



medical appointments or other appointments

Caregivers need to put themselves first at times in order to help avoid health complications that can come from the stress and demand of caregiving. Make use of these caregiver stress management tips, courtesy of the Mayo Clinic and Penn Medicine.

- Ask for help. Figure out ways that others can help out and then be sure to let them know and accept

anything that is provided.

- Do the best you can. Every caregiver feels they are not doing enough at some point in time. Do whatever you can manage and know that it is adequate.

- Set small goals. Categorize responsibilities into smaller, more manageable tasks. Make lists of what is most important and tackle those goals, moving on as needed.

- Reach out to a support

group. There are support groups for many different types of needs, including caregiver support. People who are experiencing the same highs and lows as you can offer advice or just be there to listen.

- Find ways to rest and sleep. Many caregivers are

sleep deprived. If sleeping has become an issue, discuss potential remedies with your own doctor.

- Look into respite care help. Taking a break from caregiving can do wonders. Certain adult care centers and skilled nursing homes offer temporary respite

care services for informal caregivers. A loved one can be dropped off for a night or two, giving you a rest. This also is an option if you want to go on vacation.

Caregivers may feel burdened by stress. There are options available to manage it.



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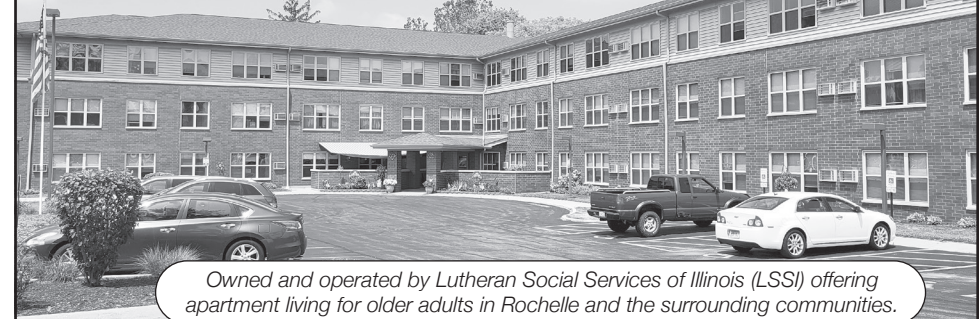
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Oct. 2-6	Parent/Teacher Communication Week	Oct. 16	Board of Education meets 5:30pm
Oct. 6	No School RTHS & KEC - Teacher Institute	Oct. 21	Marching Band Competition -Western Illinois University Marching Band Classic
Oct. 7	Marching Band Competition - Danville Viking Invitational	Oct. 26	Fall Indoor Marching Band & Jazz Concert
Oct. 9	No School - Columbus Day	Oct. 28	Student Council - Make a Difference Day
Oct. 13	Senior Night honors Fall Athletes, Cheer, Dance, Flags, Band members 4pm gates open; F/S kickoff 5 pm & Varsity kickoff at 7 pm		



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SPORTS



NETTERS TAKE SECOND

The Rochelle Lady Hub tennis team took second at its home tournament Saturday.

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RTHS Football

Hub defense shines in loss

Rochelle forces two turnovers in 21-6 defeat at Sycamore on Friday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SYCAMORE—Head coach Kyle Kissack lauded the effort from his defense Friday evening, when the Rochelle Hub varsity football team challenged the unbeaten Sycamore Spartans, who entered the Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Conference cross-over contest ranked No. 2 in the state of Illinois in Class 5A.

Rochelle forced two turnovers and held the Spartans to only 199 yards of total offense in the game. The Hub offense also controlled the football for most of the game, with Rochelle running 64 plays for 271 total yards while accumulating nearly 30 minutes of possession. But a few big plays on offense and key fourth-down stops on defense were enough for Sycamore to outlast Rochelle 21-6. The Hubs (3-2, 2-0 I-8/KRC Blue) will host Marengo next Friday at 7 p.m.

“What we talked about all week was that we needed long, sustained drives that finished with points,” Kissack said. “We needed four explosive plays and we needed to limit them to one. We sustained drives in

this game, but we weren’t able to finish with points and we weren’t able to make the big plays, [Sycamore] did. Our kids played as physical as they could and Sycamore deserves credit for the win, but I think a lot of people will look around and see that we could have won if we capitalized on our opportunities. I’m proud of our kids and how we competed.”

Rochelle received the opening kickoff and implemented its plan to methodically move the ball, gaining 66 yards and picking up four first downs on 13 plays. Faced with a fourth-and-5 inside the Sycamore redzone, however, Rochelle handed the ball to sophomore fullback Roman Villalobos, who carried a pack of Spartan defenders for a short gain but was stopped 1 yard short of the first-down marker. Villalobos finished with 69 rushing yards on 18 carries Friday.

The Hub defense forced Sycamore to punt on its opening drive, but another turnover on downs forced Rochelle’s offense off the field early in the second quarter. The scoreless defensive battle persisted midway through the second quarter, where junior



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Xavier Villalobos shows off one of his two fumble recoveries during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Sycamore on Friday evening.

cornerback Xavier Villalobos recovered a fumble by Spartan running back Tyler Curtis to give Rochelle the ball back.

Rochelle was unable to capitalize on the Sycamore turnover, however, punting the ball away on its next drive before Curtis took a carry up the middle for a 35-yard touchdown to

help give the Spartans a 7-0 lead. The Hubs saw another promising drive stalled inside Sycamore territory late in the second quarter, where Rochelle moved the ball 50 yards on 15 plays before a blitz off the edge resulted in a forced fumble and a recovery by Sycamore’s Joseph Calotta.

“We have to make the

play when the play needs to be made,” Kissack said. “We’ve had a couple of opportunities over the last few weeks, tonight included, to make that play and we just haven’t. We have a good football team, but we have to make the plays in critical moments. I like our group a lot and we had a little hiccup in Week 2, but we

played our rear ends off tonight.”

The Spartans were able to take advantage of the turnover, with quarterback Burke Gautcher breaking loose for a 22-yard run before firing a 39-yard pass down the Sycamore sideline.

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Rochelle Junior Tackle

Junior Hubs take three victories over Rockton

Seventh-grade team receives forfeit as Rochelle squads sweep Saturday action

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Junior Tackle teams returned from a one-week hiatus to host Rockton at Helms Park on Saturday afternoon. All three teams that competed on Saturday earned victories, while the seventh-graders received a forfeit due to Rockton not having a seventh-grade team. Rochelle will conclude the regular season at Winnebago this weekend.

8th Grade

Rochelle dominated Rockton on Saturday, winning 46-12 to remain undefeated on the season. The Junior Hubs (6-0) moved the ball well on their opening drive, with Andrew Eyster breaking off a 31-yard run before quarterback Cohen Haedt kept the ball for a 20-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Rochelle scored again later in the quarter, when Haedt connected with Holden Liebhaber for a 16-yard touchdown pass after connecting on 26-yard and 38-yard passes.

Leading 16-0, Rochelle found the end zone early in the second quarter, where Caiden Redlarczyk rumbled forward for a 10-yard touchdown run. Redlarczyk added a 22-

yard touchdown later in the second quarter, helping the Junior Hubs command a 30-0 halftime lead.

Rochelle scored on a 65-yard kickoff return by Redlarczyk to start the third quarter. Luke Chadwick helped the Junior Hubs clinch their win, rushing for a 1-yard touchdown during the fourth quarter. Rochelle totaled 319 yards in the victory, while the defense held Rockton to 13 total yards. Haedt finished with three carries for 46 yards and Bo Lundquist followed with three carries for 42 yards. Tyson Pavlak and Sebastian Albertson each had three tackles on defense.

6th Grade

Rochelle outlasted Rockton 14-6 in a defensive battle on Saturday. Eli Underwood sparked the offense for the Junior Hubs (4-2), rushing for a 12-yard gain before Korbin Milos followed with a 10-yard gain during the first quarter. Underwood then exploded for a 46-yard touchdown rush that gave Rochelle its first lead of the game. With Rochelle leading 8-6 late in the first quarter, Quentin Ansteth rushed for a 25-yard gain before following with a 10-yard in the second quarter.

Underwood’s 28-yard



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Landon Johnson looks to avoid a Rockton defender during the Rochelle Junior Tackle fifth-grade football game on Saturday afternoon. The fifth-graders won 16-14 to move to 4-1-1 on the season.

rush on a first-and-25 down allowed the Junior Hubs to move the sticks before half-time. Rochelle’s second-half highlights included a 12-yard carry from Ansteth during the third quarter

and a 10-yard touchdown run from Underwood during the fourth quarter. The Junior Hubs totaled 239 yards in the game, while the defense held Rockton to 123 total yards.

Underwood led Rochelle’s offense, rushing for 101 yards on six carries while Ansteth totaled 14 carries for 91 yards in the win. Vaughn Manning caught two passes for 10

yards and Roger Navarro finished with three tackles on defense. Jaycob Hammer rushed two times for 12 yards.

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HUB SPOTLIGHT



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team took second in the Lady Hub Invitational on Saturday. Above from left to right are award winners Annaleigh McKinney, Allie Dickey, Elin Zheng, Erin Murphy and Kitty Williams.

Rochelle takes second at Lady Hub Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team saw several players shine during the Lady Hub Invitational at Rochelle Township High School on Saturday. Juniors Erin Murphy and Kitty Williams won the No. 3 doubles crown, while senior Elin Zheng brought home the No. 1 singles title during Saturday's tournament. Rochelle finished second out of five schools.

"We really put our best foot forward," head coach John Michael Loggins said. "We had some really close battles and we had a few games that went to deuce, which really turned the tables. I thought we came out and did the best we could. We played with great energy and seeing Elin win was big for us."

Zheng took the No. 1 singles championship with a 4-0 record. The senior defeated Kaneland's Ansley Faivre 7-2 before downing DeKalb's Krystal Baggett 7-2. Zheng received a third-round bye before returning to the court and securing an 8-1 win over Freeport's Audra Luecke. Zheng clinched the singles championship with a 7-2 victory over Sterling Newman's Emmy Burger.

"Elin has the attitude that you'd hope to see from a No. 1 singles player," Loggins said. "She's very stoic and it's tough for opponents to read her. I think that's a strength of hers and I think her forehand has also become a big weapon. She's really finding her rhythm and I'm hoping she can win a few more matches before sectionals so she can earn a top-6 ranking there."

Williams and Murphy went 4-0 to take the No. 3 doubles championship. The duo received a first-round bye before defeating Sterling Newman's Grace Tobias and Kaitlyn Conderman 5-4. Rochelle's combo followed with 7-2 victories over DeKalb's Berenice

Carmona and Bryana Calderon as well as Freeport's Chyanna Gadson and Margret Stuebinger. Williams and Murphy sealed the doubles title with a 7-2 win against Kaneland's Nola Noring and Keara Richardson.

"Kitty and Erin's ability to talk to each other and stay positive were huge," Loggins said. "They both knew their roles. Erin did her best to put the ball away at the net and with Kitty's experience, she talked with Erin and gave her great guidance. They worked really well together."

Seniors Allie Dickey and Annaleigh McKinney took second in the No. 2 doubles division with a 3-1 record. The Rochelle duo shut out Freeport's Ryleigh Bach and Ashlyn Erickson 9-0 before taking a second-round bye and falling 3-6 against Kaneland's Elena Gooch and Lauren Babka. Dickey and McKinney finished strong, defeating Sterling Newman's Laurel Chavera and Maddy Taylor-Steffens 7-2 and winning 6-3 over DeKalb netters Addelyn Foster and Emma Kraft.

Sophomore Teagan Auld finished third in the No. 2 singles division with a 2-2 record. Auld opened the tournament with a 4-5 loss against Sterling Newman's Ximena Hernandez and a 1-8 defeat against Kaneland's Kaci Randall. Auld bounced back and secured her third-place outing with 6-3 wins over DeKalb's Nina Christopherson as well as Freeport's Janyah Palmer.

Junior Riley Doyle and senior Macenzie Glosser placed fifth in the No. 1 doubles division with a 0-4 record. The Rochelle combo fought hard during 4-5 losses against DeKalb's Preeti Islam and Alissa Kocjan as well as Freeport's Caitlyn Simpson and Arazara Lassandro. Doyle and Glosser bowed out of the tournament with 3-6 losses against Sterling Newman netters Julia Rhodes and Emily Beattie as well as Kaneland netters Lauren Andrews and Abby Grams.

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SPORTS

HUBS: Freshman team defeats Sycamore in overtime

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Junior safety Elijah Harley managed to deflect the pass, but the ball fell right into the lap of wide receiver Teague Hallahan, who completed the catch in the endzone. The fortunate bounce enabled Sycamore to take a 14-0 lead, which stood at halftime.

"I think that in a lot of ways, if we could convert our opportunities, this game would've had a different outcome," Kissack said. "It's all about limiting big plays and finishing drives with points. But I really appreciate this group and I genuinely love their competitiveness. They played their rear ends off tonight and we're going to be better because of that. Our season isn't over."

Sycamore fumbled away its opening drive of the third quarter, with Villalobos once again scooping the football up for the Rochelle defense. The Hubs marched into the Sycamore redzone, but failed to come away with points for the second time, as Sycamore safety Carter York intercepted a deep ball from junior quarterback Carson Lewis for a touchback.

The Spartans intercepted Lewis a second time early in the fourth quarter, where linebacker Diego Garcia swiped a pass toward the Rochelle sideline to set Sycamore up with prime field position. The Spartans converted the turnover into points when Gautcher tossed a screen pass to wide receiver Colton Sharpness, who scampered off the right edge for an 11-yard score.

The Hubs avoided the shutout late in the fourth quarter, picking up two fourth downs including one on a 34-yard pass from Lewis to senior wide receiver Cayden Moore. The second fourth down resulted in a 7-yard touchdown pass from Lewis to junior tailback Grant Gensler, who led the Rochelle offense with 84 rushing yards on 18 carries. Freshman wingback Dylan Manning added 57 rushing yards on 15 carries, while Lewis completed 5-of-12 passes for 59 yards.

Freshmen
The Rochelle Hub freshmen football team outlasted Sycamore for a 44-36 overtime victory on Friday evening. Tyler Gensler rushed for three touchdowns of 3 yards, 7 yards and 9 yards in the win.

Keegan Cathina added three touchdown runs of 3 yards, 6 yards and 13 yards for the freshman team, which improved to 2-1 with the win.

Joshua Lassiter finished with six tackles, while Warren Schweitzer and Adam Cobos each totaled five tackles. Chase Beatty chipped in two tackles for loss.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Roman Villalobos runs through the line of scrimmage during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Sycamore on Friday night.



(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

The Rochelle Junior Tackle football teams swept Rockton at Helms Park on Saturday. At left, sixth-grader Eli Underwood (left) runs behind a block from Quentin Ansteth (right). At right, eighth-grader Bo Lundquist (middle) follows lead blocker Cohen Haedt (left).

RJT: Rochelle teams sweep Saturday games over Rockton

From page 1

5th Grade
Rochelle took down Rockton 16-14 on Saturday. The Junior Hubs (4-1-1) were shut out during the first quarter, but the offense gained steam during the second quarter, where Dominic Escatel escaped defenders for a 13-yard rush before Landon Johnson hit the ground running for a 22-yard gain. Noah Hayden followed with a 21-yard rush and an 11-yard rush, setting up a 4-yard touchdown run from Escatel that gave Rochelle its first lead of the fifth-grade contest.

Rochelle's second-quarter highlights included a 10-yard carry from Escatel and another 11-yard carry from Hayden. With Rochelle leading 8-6 in the fourth quarter, Hayden exploded for a 30-yard run that sparked the team's final scoring drive, which was capped off by a 40-yard touchdown run from Bentley Etes. The Junior Hubs held a slim advantage in total yards, outgaining Rockton 258-252. Hayden carried the ball 10 times for 102 yards to lead the offense.

Escatel finished with 11 carries for 62 yards, while Johnson added six carries for 43 yards. Braxton Rosenthal compiled a team-high four tackles, while Brycen Williams added three.

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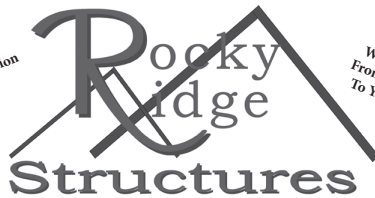


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BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE
FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY
ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

The following constitutes the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Ogle County, Rochelle, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, presented to the Board of Trustees of the District and proposed to be adopted by said Board of Library Trustees after a public hearing:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 330/1, et seq. as amended requires all Illinois Municipal Corporations as broadly defined therein, to adopt a combined Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, specifying the objects and purposes of expenditures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act 75 ILCS 16/1-10 and 75 ILCS 16/30-85, provides procedures for the passage of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and a Tax Levy Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other appropriate statutes, a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been prepared in tentative form at the designation of this Board, and has been made available for the public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon, and a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been held prior to final action hereon, and notice of said hearing was published on August 16, 2023, being more than thirty (30) days prior to said hearing, in a newspaper published within the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Library Trustees of the FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Rochelle Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The following budget containing a statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, an estimate of all cash receipts of said Library District to be received during such fiscal year from all sources, the estimated expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year and a statement of the estimated cash on hand at the end of such fiscal year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget for said Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and the same sums are hereby appropriated as necessary to defray the said expenses and liabilities of this Public Library District, for the objects and purposes and in the estimated amounts as indicated, for said fiscal year:

1. GENERAL FUND (includes GRANT funds)		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$318,578.51
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	453,359.48	
Replacement Tax	100,140.64	
Grants	37,746.97	
Interest Income	4,837.52	
Duplicating Services	4,060.51	
Fines	1,939.99	
Fees (cards, rentals, FAX)	2,732.80	
Gifts & Donations	860.25	
Lost Materials	21.99	
Book Sale	782.15	
E-Rate Reimbursement	0.00	
Miscellaneous	810.52	
		<u>\$607,292.82</u>
		<u>\$925,871.33</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		
EXPENDITURES		
PERSONNEL COSTS		
Salaries, Library	280,000.00	
Bookkeeping	4,000.00	
Medical Insurance	<u>25,000.00</u>	
		\$309,000.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS		
Books	53,000.00	
Periodicals	5,000.00	
Microforms	5200.00	
Non-Print	1,500.00	
Electronic Resources	<u>16,000.00</u>	
		\$80,700.00
BUILDING OPERATIONS		
Utilities	40,000.00	
Building Supplies	3,000.00	
Maintenance & Repair	100,000.00	
Telephone	<u>5,000.00</u>	
		\$148,000.00
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Library Supplies	5,200.00	
Office Supplies	10,600.00	
Insurance	500.00	
Fees (Bank, Legal, Publishing, Consulting)	10,000.00	
Network Operations	43,000.00	
Automation fees	12,000.00	
Binding	<u>250.00</u>	
		\$81,550.00
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT		
Programs	12,500.00	
Public Relations	11,000.00	
Continuing Education	500.00	
Professional Fees	<u>7,000.00</u>	
		\$31,000.00
EQUIPMENT COSTS		
Furniture	2,200.00	
Library and Office Equipment	3,500.00	
Technology Equipment	32,000.00	
Leasing Fees	4,000.00	
Maintenance & Repair (equipment)	<u>100,000.00</u>	
		\$146,700.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		
		<u>\$796,950.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$128,921.33</u>
2. INSURANCE FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$77,388.59
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	60,629.22	
Interest	<u>41.34</u>	
		<u>\$60,670.56</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		
		<u>\$138,059.15</u>
EXPENDITURES		
PERSONNEL COSTS		
Worker's Compensation	2000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	<u>3000.00</u>	
		<u>\$5,000.00</u>
BUILDING OPERATIONS		
Maintenance & Repair	75,000.00	
Insurance - Building & Liability	<u>14,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$89,000.00</u>
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Insurance - Errors & Omissions		<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL INSURANCE FUND EXPENDITURES		
		\$97,000.00
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$41,059.15</u>
3. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT (IMRF) FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$55,584.32
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	44,731.53	
Interest	<u>30.50</u>	
		<u>\$44,762.03</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		
		<u>\$100,346.35</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Pension Contributions		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$50,346.35</u>
4. SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA) FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$43,752.69
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	27836.11	
Interest	<u>18.98</u>	
		<u>\$27,855.09</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE		
		<u>\$71,697.78</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Pension Contribution		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$46,697.78</u>
5. AUDIT FUND		
BEGINNING BALANCE JULY 1, 2023		\$1,209.70
REVENUES		
Property Taxes	6,951.77	
Interest	<u>4.74</u>	
		<u>\$6,956.51</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		
		<u>\$8,166.21</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Annual Audit		<u>\$8,000.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024		<u>\$166.21</u>

SECTION 2: That the amount appropriated for library purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 by fund shall be as follows:

1. GENERAL & GRANT FUND	\$796,950.00
2. INSURANCE FUND	\$97,000.00
3. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND	\$50,000.00
4. SOCIAL SECURITY FUND	\$25,000.00
5. AUDIT FUND	\$8,000.00
	<u>\$976,950.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	

SECTION 3: That if any section, subdivision, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: That each appropriated fund total shall be divided among the several objects and purposes specified, and in the particular amounts stated for each fund respectively in Section 1, constituting the total appropriations in the amount of Nine Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$976,950.00) Dollars for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

SECTION 5: That Section 2 shall be and is a summary of the annual Appropriation Ordinance of this Library District, passed by the Board of Trustees as required by law and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

SECTION 6: That a certified copy of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerk within thirty (30) days after adoption.

Passed and approved this 21st day of September, 2023 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Teresa Haggstad, Jacqueline Dickow, Susan Sevedge, Dorei Waltrip, Sherri Alindera

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: Lanning Nicolazzo, Kelly Johnson

Approved by me this 21st day of September, 2023
Teresa Haggstad
Teresa Haggstad, Board President

ATTEST:
Susan Sevedge
Susan Sevedge, Secretary-Treasurer

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan Sevedge, hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Trustees of the FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Ogle County, Illinois, and as such am the keeper of the records and files of said District.

I do further certify that attached hereto is a full, true, and complete copy of a certain ordinance passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Trustees on this 21st day of September, A.D. 2023 captioned:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-1 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and seal of said Library District this 21st day of September, A.D. 2023.

Susan Sevedge
Susan Sevedge, Secretary-Treasurer
Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District



ESTIMATE OF REVENUES ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED BY
THE FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

I, SUSAN SEVEDGE, being the Secretary-Treasurer and chief fiscal officer of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District, Ogle County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the following is an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Property Taxes—General Fund	453,359.48
Property Taxes—Insurance Fund	60,670.56
Property Taxes—IMRF Fund	44,762.03
Property Taxes—Social Security	27,855.09
Property Taxes—Audit Fund	6,956.51
Replacement Tax	100,140.64
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E-Rate Reimbursement	0.00
Miscellaneous	810.52
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED	
	<u>\$747,537.01</u>

Susan Sevedge
Susan Sevedge, Secretary-Treasurer
Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District

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SPORTS

RTHS Boys Soccer



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Junior Francisco Diaz challenges Ottawa's Grayson Skinner for the ball during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer match against the Pirates on Monday.

Short-handed Hubs suffer fifth straight loss

Casillas, Salazar score goals in 4-2 defeat

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — A short-handed Rochelle Hub varsity soccer did its best to hang tough during Monday evening's Interstate 8 Conference home match against the Ottawa Pirates. Looking for the home-and-home sweep after defeating Ottawa 5-3 on the road earlier this season, Rochelle fell behind 1-0 during the first half, but did well to keep the Pirates away from the net, forcing several offside calls and errant shots. Despite finding two equalizer goals on the offensive end during the second half, Rochelle was unable to maintain control over the match, with Ottawa answering each time and scoring late in the half to hand the Hubs a 4-2 loss. "We kept our defense together in the first half and we worked for the offside calls," head coach Brad Male said. "I thought we did a good job of that today, but it was unfortunate that we made a few mistakes in the second half and we lost our goalkeeper to an injury in the first half... We've had a couple of errors after we scored goals and we have to make sure we continue to play." Trailing 1-0, Rochelle tied the score early in the second half, with junior forward Alberto Casillas

receiving a pass from senior forward Diego Salazar and sending a right-footed boot into the back of the Ottawa net. The Pirates answered immediately, scoring one minute later on a through ball to retake control of the match. The back-and-forth battle continued midway through the second half, where Salazar dribbled into the box and blasted a left-footed shot in for a goal. Playing without starting goalkeeper Antonio Hueramo, who suffered an injury during the first half, the Hubs faced pressure from the Ottawa offense late in the second half, with the Pirates converting back-to-back unanswered goals to seal the conference win. The Hubs were also without starting center back Bryan Garcia and starting forward Kevin Orozco, who were each sidelined with injuries. Rochelle (3-9-2, 1-6 Interstate 8) will play at Kaneland on Wednesday. "We can't get complacent and we have to make sure we play the game that we started with," Male said. "We need to keep working as a team. I thought we played exceptionally well in our match on Thursday and we had a few injuries come out of that match that I thought cost us a little today. But we have to find players to fill those spots and we don't have that

cohesion right now. We need to keep working together and we have to keep improving our teamwork."

Morris

The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team was tied with Morris after 80 minutes of regulation time on Thursday evening. With both teams even at 2-2, Rochelle and Morris went into a penalty-kick shootout, with the Redskins ultimately emerging victorious to hand the Hubs an Interstate 8 Conference loss. Juniors Alberto Casillas and Fernando Diaz each scored goals for the Hubs (3-8-2, 1-5 Interstate 8), while sophomore Antonio Hueramo finished with four saves. Rochelle outshot Morris 18-12, but the Redskins were even in shots on goal, with each team recording eight in the match. The Hubs led Morris 1-0 after Diaz scored an unassisted goal during the fourth minute. The Redskins found their equalizer midway through the first half, scoring in the 21st minute to even the score at 1-1. Rochelle regained control late in the first half, with Casillas scoring in the 37th minute. Rochelle held a 2-1 halftime advantage over the Redskins, who once again tied the score after a goal during the 59th minute.

RTHS Golf

Metzger records top-18 finish at Sterling Invitational

Sophomore shoots 84 to lead Hub golfers

BY RUSSELL HODGES
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STERLING — The Rochelle Hub varsity golf team competed in the Sterling Invitational at Emerald Hill on Saturday afternoon. Sophomore Ian Metzger finished with an 18-hole round of 84 to take 18th individually, while freshman Alex Dyer followed with a 90 as the Hubs finished 11th out of 12 schools. Rochelle (2-10, 0-5 Interstate 8) will travel for the Interstate 8 Conference meet at Kishwaukee Country Club on Monday. Senior Obie Nava fired a 98 and senior Owen Messer followed with a 102 for the Hubs, who



(COURTESY PHOTO)
Sophomore Ian Metzger fired an 84 to take 18th overall during the Sterling Invitational at Emerald Hill on Saturday.

will travel for the IHSA 2A Rock Falls Regional at Deer Valley on Wednesday afternoon. Freshman Owen Carmichael and senior

Chandler Cunningham recorded scores of 104 and 111 to round out the varsity roster during Saturday's tournament.

RTHS Cross Country

Koziol medals to lead Rochelle harriers at Rock River Run

Sophomore earns seventh-place finish

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STERLING — Sophomore Annaliese Koziol medaled for the Rochelle Township High School cross country team on Saturday, when the Hub and Lady Hub harriers traveled for the annual Rock River Run at Hoover Park in Sterling. Koziol took seventh out of 105 runners in the fresh-soph race, clocking in at 21:05.00 and leading the Lady Hubs to sixth place as a team. Sophomores Rose Luxton and Mary Chadwick as well as freshman Vivian Worthington each recorded top-50 performances in the fresh-soph race. Luxton finished 45th with a time of 25:50.90 while Worthington took 47th in 25:37.30 and Chadwick placed 49th in 25:53.60. Sophomore Levi Waddle was the fastest Hub in the fresh-soph race, finishing 55th out of 139 runners with a time of 20:10.50. Senior Luis Hernandez and sophomore Declan McGee led Rochelle in the varsity race, with Hernandez finishing 55th out of 213 runners in 17:47.50 while McGee took 68th in 18:00.70. Sophomore Elijah Mayen placed 127th with a time of 19:47.60. Rochelle will travel for the Matt Walter Invitational at Walcamp on Tuesday evening before heading west for the annual Freeport Invitational at Highland Community College on Saturday.



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Sophomore Annaliese Koziol earned a seventh-place medal in the fresh-soph race at the annual Rock River Run in Sterling on Saturday.

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