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Amtrak's "Empire Builder" ran through the BNSF railroad tracks in Rochelle earlier this month. Page 5

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## **BY JEFF HELFRICH**

MANAGING EDITOR

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Tracy has worked at RCH for 31 years, starting as a nurse. She's been a member of the administrative team for 20 years and has been second in command to the CEO for the past 10 years.

"I'm very humbled and very honored to have this responsibility,"Tracy said. "I've worked so closely with so many good CEOs and always respected them and their positions. I know so many people here and I have such good relationships with the doctors and I've received a lot of well wishes from folks that I've just gotten to know and people that have worked with me. I feel very inspired to do a good job for them."

Tracy has been actively

**BY JEFF HELFRICH** 

Suicide Prevention will

can be done online at afsp.

Stephanie White of Rochelle holds a chair position

with the AFSP locally and is working to organize and promote the walk. Since

May 2022, White has been working as an advocate

for the AFSP. Her father, Steven, passed away in

February 2022 due to suicide. After that, she felt it's important that communities

come together to educate everyone on mental health

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and end suicide.

Prevention Month.

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responsible for quality process improvement and risk management functions at RCH since 1998, with The Joint Commission survey leadership to the entire staff since 1999. She has

provided surveillance and support for improved patient safety through active policy implementation. She serves as a physician liaison and is involved in recruitment and retention of

providers including nurse practitioners and physician assistants. During her tenure as an administrator she has been part of the vision for three expansion projects: 2005 surgical

Community Hospital

and emergency services; 2016 health and wellness center and 2023 XCEL Orthopedics expansion to Sycamore.

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**Rochelle woman helping to organize** 





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# Sept. 23 suicide prevention walk

AFSP chair White: 'I feel like it's just a good way to process grief'



## **Out of the Darkness** ROCKFORD AREA WALK Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 11 AM | Rock Valley College - Starlight Theater, Rockford, IL Register: afsp.org/Rockford

(COURTESY PHOTO)

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host an Out of the Darkness walk for the Rockford area on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at the Rock Valley College Starlight Theater in Rockford.





**Presentation reflecting on judicial center solar project made** County board hears concerns raised over alleged animal abuse at rodeos

**BY JEFF HELFRICH** MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard a presentation from Stateline Solar Chief Technology Officer Kenji Grahame reflecting on its solar panel installation project atop the Ogle County Judicial Center.

The project spanned 18 months and consists of about 280 solar panels. The array is now operational. Grahame said the panels are all Canadian Solar 450-watt panels and each is bifacial, to receive sun on the front side and from any reflection off the roof of the Judicial Center.

"It could potentially produce more than what we're anticipating it to. that's kind of what we're hoping for," Grahame said. "We're anticipating that it will save you on average about \$1,000 a month to begin with on your electric bill. It covers the judicial center annex as well as the courthouse, so it's pushing energy to both and covering about 30 percent of your total energy consumption."

Grahame said that over the 25-year lifetime of the panels, they should save the county about \$450,000 in electric costs. He later said the panels have a warranty of 30 years.

"With all the incentives that are available to you right now, it should return its investment for you guys in under 10 years." Grahame said. Board Member Don Griffin thanked Grahame and Stateline Solar for

their work on the project. "It's been quite a project here with trying to get the supplies and inverters," Griffin said. "We powered through it and this was the last part of the Judicial Center project. We built this building and we really appreciate that you were able to finish that for us."

### Rodeos

During the public comment portion of the meeting, the board heard concerns from Mike Kobliska, a Grundy County man, regarding "gross abuse of horses and steers" that he said is happening in Ogle County at Mexican-style rodeos.

Kobliska is a member of the organization Showing Animals Respect and Kindness. He said his organization has taken drone video of the rodeos and is seeking to stop it.

"These rodeos consist of one event, steer tailing," Kobliska said. "Where a steer is forced to run along the wall and a contestant runs up alongside them and grabs the steer's tail and pulls them around. Steers can't run sideways or backwards any better than we do, so they crash to the ground. This is cruel and very dangerous for the steers. We've used drones to video document animals being abused in clear violation of state humane



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county departments for

use of federal American

Rescue Plan Act funds

totaling \$35,641.16. The

long-range planning

department requested

\$537.66 for the Judicial

Center solar project, the

zoning department re-

quested \$2,722.50 for

county training and the

sheriff's office requested

\$32,381 for Motorola

body cameras. The money

for the body cameras will

be reimbursed from future

grant funds once they are

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including an event last weekend in Rochelle."

Kobliska also said steers are jabbed with electric prods that are banned in American-style rodeo and are run much more than in American-style rodeo and are left to suffer without "any veterinarian care at all." He also claimed that horses are beaten and whipped at rodeos in Ogle County.

"I hope the board will look into this issue and take quick action," Kobliska said. "All of these abuses violate the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act."

County Board Chairman John Finfrock said the rodeos in question have not been granted any permits or licenses by the county and said that he wasn't aware they were taking place in the area. Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said his office typically finds out about the rodeos after the fact, and deputies responded to one of them over the weekend involving a large fight and shots fired.

"It's just outside the city limits south of Rochelle," VanVickle said. "It's between the City of Rochelle and Lee County. It's a place we're not normally at because it's very difficult. But I wasn't aware of this and we will definitely look into this. It's obviously inappropriate."

## ARPA

The board unanimously approved requests by

## Chana UMC open for those in need

received.

CHANA — Chana Family Clothes Closet at Chana United Methodist Church is open for anyone needing free clothing and accessories. New hours have been established. The Closet is available Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 815-732-7683 before your arrival. Custom hours are available by calling 815-732-7683. New clothes selections for school are available for the entire family (infant through adults). There is a wide variety of styles and sizes with many current and new, never been worn clothing. All of the clothing is offered at no cost,



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## OCSWMD receives grant funds

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) has recently received grant funds made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) program allocated funds to states for distribution at the local level in 2022.

The OCSWMD applied for, and received a grant for an amount of \$9,000 through the Illinois EPA's grant vehicle for these federal SWIFR funds. These funds will allow the OCSWMD to pursue recycling goals here in Ogle County at the local level, and the OCSWMD is required to track and report how these funds are being utilized.

Identified in the grant application process were objectives related to enhance local recycling efforts. Included in these objectives were educational efforts, recycling surveys for waste haulers, infrastructure needs for a new rural recycling drop-off program in July 2023, training sessions and recycling symposiums, program promotions and ancillary supplies required for both office and field work associated with recycling here in Ogle County.

Central to this effort is the re-establishment of two rural recycling dropoff containers which are scheduled to be deployed in early July in Oregon and Byron. Coupled with this roll-out will be extensive education efforts, publicity on proper recycling, social media efforts, recycling surveys, and on-site monitoring of these sites. In 2019 all of the five recycling sites provided by the OCSWMD were removed due to cost increases and illegal dumping. It is hoped with these SWIFR funds mechanisms can be put in place to ensure this pilot recycling program is successful and can be expanded in the future.

To receive more information, call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or through email at solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov.



(COURTESY PHOTOS) This year's multi-county 4-H dog show was held on Saturday, June 24 at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. Winner of the Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship was Piper Johnson. Reserve Champion Agility on Leash (12 feet) award went to Zoey Swank, Ogle County.

## Awards given to local youth at multi-county 4-H dog show

**DIXON** — This year's multi-county 4-H dog show was held on Saturday, June 24 at Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. This is the sixth year that Carroll, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties have participated in the show together. Twenty-eight 4-H members competed in this year's show. Youth and their

dog competed for awards in the following classes, care and grooming, agility, costume, showmanship, and rally. Please see below for the results of the show.

Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship-PiperJohnson, Ogle; Reserve Ogle Champion Junior Showmanship- Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Ogle Champion Senior ShowmanshipMolly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Ogle Champion Senior Showmanship- Kyle Miller, Ogle; Champion Junior Care & Grooming-Hunter Kremske, Ogle; Reserve Champion Junior Care & Grooming- Kenzie Hongsermier, Ogle; Champion Senior Care & Grooming-Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Champion Agility on Leash (eight

feet)- Charli DeShazo, Ogle; Reserve Champion Agility on Leash (12 feet) - Zoe Swank, Ogle; Champion Agility off Leash (eight feet) - Kayla Williams, Ogle; Reserve Champion Agility off Leash (eight feet) - Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Champion Agility off Leash (16 feet)-Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Champion Beginner Nov-

ice I Class-Piper Johnson, Ogle; Reserve Champion Beginner Novice I Class-Charli DeShazo, Ogle; Champion Beginner Novice II Class-Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Champion Beginner Novice II Class- Kinzleigh Miller, Ogle; Champion Novice Class- Katlyn Miller, Ogle; Champion Pre-Open Class- Kyle Miller,

Ogle; Champion Graduate Open- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Champion Rally Novice- Molly Ziegler, Ogle; Reserve Champion Rally Novice - Kinzleigh Miller, Ogle; Champion Rally Intermediate- Kyle Miller, Ogle; Champion Rally Advanced- Molly Ziegler, Ogle and Reserve Champion Costume-Hunter Kremske, Ogle.

## WALK: Rochelle's White advocating for suicide prevention

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Her work as an advocate has included helping to urge public officials to prioritize suicide prevention and mental health.

"The work with the AFSP has felt really good over the past year," White said. "I feel like it's just a good way to process grief. I think personally, it's just helped me take something really negative in my life and spin it to a positive to try to help other people."

After her father's passing, White's family did research and chose the AFSP as the organization that friends and family could make donations to during his memorial service. Funds donated to the AFSP go directly to scientific research and helping families impacted by suicide loss. "The more I read and researched that foundation, I loved what they were doing and decided I wanted to help out any way I could," White said. "I started just volunteering as an advocate, where I was working with local, state and federal levels to get different policies in place and then I attended my first walk last year. I decided I really would like to put my focus into helping with those." All donations to the AFSP and funds raised by the walks are used for a variety of initiatives, including educating the public on suicide prevention, critical research to improve suicide prevention and treatment for those at risk. Back in 2021, the AFSP donated \$6.44 million for suicide prevention research. Funds are also used to organize programs for survivors of suicide loss, and some of that donation money is used to empower volunteers to advocate for those policies at the state, federal and local levels. The AFSP also does talks and presentations at no fee and no cost for resources with donations and fundraised money.

White called attending her first walk last year "a mix of emotions."

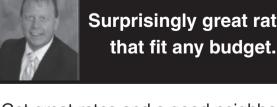
"Obviously it brings that grief forward, but just the community and the amount of people that come to these walks and everybody is going through similar feelings and has had a similar experience, and everyone else is sharing their stories, so it just has this positive community feel," White said. "It's a big range of emotions. Everyone there is sad, but feeling loved and supported. It's very therapeutic." White's advocacy work in the past involved the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The now-simplified 988 service is an alternative to 911 and connects callers to Lifeline centers. The service is up and running and those in crisis can easily call or text the number and get somebody live on the line to help them. "It's such a wonderful tool for people to have," White said. "Just having an easy number to remember and getting it out there so people know how accessible it is and that there's somebody to talk to. It's

very important that we get that number out there.'

White said she is content with her volunteer work at a local level, but would like to do more in the future.

"The educational part of it has helped me as someone who hasn't personally struggled with depression or suicidal thoughts," White said. "Learning what my dad was going through has been helpful. And it's also been having this community that you didn't know about. You feel so isolated when you have a loved one that you lost to suicide. Just knowing that there are so many other people out there in your local community that have gone through a very similar struggle is helpful. And just doing work to help other people and having that positive spin on a hard thing that happened is very beneficial. It's hard to be sad when you're helping somebody else." For more information on the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, visit afsp.org. If you're in a crisis, call or text 988 or text TALK to 741741.





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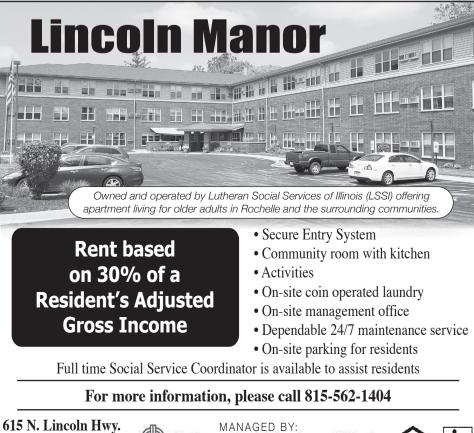
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## American Legion presents donation checks to HOPE of Ogle County, Serenity Hospice and Home

On July 14, HOPE of Ogle County (left) received a donation check from the Rochelle American Legion Post 403. Steve Korth (adjutant) is presenting the donation check to Vann K. (on the left) and Marissa B. (on the right). That same day, Serenity Hospice and Home (right) received a donation check from the American Legion. Steve Korth (adjutant) is presenting the donation check to Lynn Knodle, CEO of Serenity Hospice and Home.

## **Rochelle Police Department Officers make three arrests**

**ROCHELLE** — On July 18 at 5:15 p.m. a 17-year-old male juvenile of Rochelle was arrested for retail theft. He was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 18 Ogle County court date.

On July 18 at 9:08 p.m. Jerome Knox, 69, of Melissa, Texas was arrested

for possession of a stolen vehicle and transferred.

On July 19 at 12:21 p.m. Cody A. Sheriff-Bruckert, 32, of DeKalb was cited for overweight/axle. He was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 25 Rochelle court date.

On July 19 at 2:19 p.m.

Thomas L. Chappell, 61, of Rochelle was arrested for felony retail theft, burglary, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and transferred.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Final Municipal Band concert is July 26

**ROCHELLE** — July 26 is the last concert for the 2023 Municipal Band. Also on July 26, the Rochelle Summer Youth Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Madere will be performing at 7 p.m. The Municipal Band will play following their performance. In

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addition, the St. Paul Lutheran Youth Board will be having an ice cream social that will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"I hope everyone can plan to come out to the Atwood Park Bandshell, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy our last concert in the park," Municipal Band Director Ron Duval said. "As always, we want to thank the City of Rochelle for continuing to fund this activity and to the Rochelle Park District for allowing us to hold our concerts in the band shell."

## **Ogle County Sheriff's Department**

# Deputies respond to two-vehicle crash with injuries

**OREGON** — On July 18 at approximately 6:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 near mile marker 106. After investigation, deputies arrested Diamond Brown, 27, of Savoy, for driving while license suspended. Brown was issued additional citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a violation of the child passenger protection act. Brown was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month.

On July 19 at 10:28 a.m. deputies along with Polo Fire and Forreston Fire ambulance, responded to Freeport Road and West Illinois Route 64 for a two-vehicle crash with minor injuries. Upon arrival, it was determined that Susan Barajas, 66, of Sterling failed to yield at the stop intersection and pulled into the path of Lou Morse, 63, of Saint Charles. Robert Barajas, 71, of Sterling and his wife were both taken to CGH Hospital in Sterling for minor injuries. Morse was not hurt. Susan Barajas was cited for failing to yield at a stop intersection. On July 19 at 5:56 p.m.

deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 64. After a brief investigation, Deputies arrested Jaqlyn White, 26, of Rochelle, for driving while license revoked and an outstanding Cook County warrant.

White was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. White was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and suspended registration.

On July 20 at approximately 12:03 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 14,000 block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation, deputies placed Amber N. Lovejoy, 31, of Rockford, under arrest for driving unlicensed, in addition to an active Rockford warrant. Lovejoy was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

## Volunteers needed for fair food stand

**OREGON** — We all eat but where exactly does the food come from? Youth throughout Ogle and Carroll counties discover the answer to that question through school, library and park district programs provided by Ag in the

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works for you and sign up at https://go.illinois.edu/ foodstand. You can also sign up or get any questions answered by contacting charbm@illinois.edu or 815-732-2191. Volunteers must be 16 years old. Time slots for volunteers are Aug. 2: noon-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m., and 6-9 p.m.; Aug. 3: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2-5 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.; Aug. 4: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2-5 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.; Aug. 5: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2-5 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. andAug. 6:11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Agriculture in the Classroom is a program to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society. Students learn that thousands of farm products are in the world around them — on their plate, in the clothes they wear, in the medicine that makes them well and in earth-friendly fuels and plastics. For more information about the program, call (815) 732-2191.

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### Amtrak's 'Empire Builder' train takes detour through Rochelle

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There was a visitor using the Burlington Northern - Santa Fe (BNSF) mainline tracks through Rochelle on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 4-5. One of Amtrak's premier passenger trains, Chicago to Seattle "Empire Builder" was detoured over the BNSF tracks due to a freight train derailment near Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The "Empire Builder" normally uses the Canadian Pacific Railroad across Wisconsin. Shown is the eastbound "Empire Builder" passing by the Rochelle Railroad Park on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:45 p.m.

## Rochelle Area CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Ashton Bible Church,** corner of Main and Paddock in Ashton. Pastor Farrel Stauffer, church phone is (815)453-2190, church website www.ashtonbible. org0. Sunday School for all ages 9:00-10:00am, Morning Worship 10:15am, Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm.

**The Bridge Church,** Pastor Greg Duncan, 11038 E. IL Route 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-7750. Sunday School: 9:00 am; Sunday Service: 10:00 am; Nursery & Children's ministry during am service; Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 am and Wednesday 7:00 pm. Web: thebridgechurchrochelle. com Email: thebridgechurchrochelle@gmail.com

**Calvary Lighthouse Church, Assemblies of God**, Senior Pastor, Dr. James Horvath. 14409 Hemstock Rd., Rochelle. Sunday Morning: Sunday Worship & Children's Church 10:00 A.M., Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M. – Adult Teaching, Missionettes & Royal Rangers Childrens Classes, Nursery available for all services. HE-Brews Cafe is open before and after services. For further information, please call the CLC office at 815-562-7701, or email us at staff@calvarylighthouse.com

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**Harvest Baptist Church** 241 Scott Ave. (Hillcrest). Rev. Duane Boehm, pastor. Email duane712@hotmail.com, cell 815-757-3427. Visit us on Facebook! Service times: Sunday morning worship with Children's Church at 10 am. Wednesday night worship at 7 pm.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

**Living Water Community Church** 405 N. Main St, Downtown Rochelle. Phone 815-561-6249, Website: www.lwccr.com, Like us on Facebook. We are Non-Denominational, Christ Centered, Casual dress, Christ Centered Live Band Worship. Chris Bender- Teaching Pastor, Brent Braski- Administrative Pastor, Adrian Daugherty- Lead Worshipper, Joe Mortimer- Youth Director, Amanda Barnes- Office Manager. Sunday Worship Service- 10:00am. Nursery/Toddlers Ages 0-5 available during the service in the Splash building. Swim- Grades 1st-5th worship with the adults then break out for age appropriate teaching. Youth groups, Small groups, Life Groups and Workshops meet throughout the year for Bible teaching. 7C's Mission- serves the community physically & spiritually each month from 1135 Lincoln Hwy, providing lightly used clothing, Hygiene items, a light lunch and Elder Prayer open the second Saturday from 10am-2pm and the 4th Thursday from 4pm to 7:00pm and by appointment.

<u>com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church</u>.

**Rochelle Church of Christ,** Keeping Christ at the center in the Hub City. We meet Sundays at 9:00am for Bible Study and 10:00am for worship. We also have a Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00pm. 206 Erickson Rd, Rochelle, IL 61068. You can call us at (815) 562-6572 or visit us on the web at rochellechurch.com. We also have a radio program Sundays just after 8am on WRHL 1060AM. Minister Dominic Venuso.

**Creston United Methodist Church and Steward United Methodist Church** - Rev. Ilhan You, Creston: 126 West South Street, P.O. Box 209, Creston, Illinois 60113. Sunday morning worship 9:00am. Coffee fellowship at 10:15am. Steward: 507 Main Street, P.O. Box 80, Steward, IL 60553. Adult Sunday School, 10:00am. Sunday morning worship and Children's Sunday School 11:00am. Contact the church office at 847-730-4370 for more information. facebook.comcrestonumcil faccebook.com/stewardilumc

**Elim Reformed Church,** 140 S. Church Road, Kings, IL 61068. Phone: 815-562-6811. Email goelimchurch@gmail.com Website www.goelimchurch.org Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 Rev. Marv Jacobs

**Faith Lutheran Church** – (14206 E. Flagg Rd.) – "Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith." In-person worship is available each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. or online at "Faith Lutheran Social" on YouTube. Worship resources are also available on our Facebook page - 'Faith Lutheran Church ELCA.' You may also e-mail Pastor Joy Alsop at Pastor@faithlcrochelle.org for more information. All are welcome to join us!

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

**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

**First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace-Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. Sunday morning worship 9:00am & 11:00am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. www. placeforgrace.com / www.facebook.com/placeforgrace 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, <u>www.NHFchurch.net</u> Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

Rochelle United Methodist Church invites everyone to come and be celebrate the gifts of God's family in our series, "The Gifts of Encanto." Inspired by the music, story, and variety of gifts in the Madrigal family, we will find ways to work together here and now to strengthen the family and serve the community. In the movie, the Encanto is a place of wonder, a refuge and shelter in a frightening world. The family's gifts serve the community, providing a model for us as well. Worship will include some of the color, music, and joy of the story as we celebrate the blessings that are among our community and consider ways to value the variety of our gifts. The themes of the movie will help us see how God gifts us and invites us to share those gifts together in a caring community! Sunday worship is at 9:00 am with Sunday School for children after the Children's Message. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/ rochelleumc. Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor. 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. admin@rochelleumc.com. Everyone is welcome and loved!

**St. Patrick Catholic Church** Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM-4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079; Website: stpatricksrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

**St. Paul Lutheran Church** "Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!" Pastor-Rev. Greg Hoffmann, 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** 

Kern: Fair time around the corner

AIR time is just around the corner. The Ogle County Fair starts Aug. 2 in Oregon. There's plenty to do and enjoy for the whole family. Here's just a partial line-up of the entertainment this year.

August 2-6: Wednesday, August 2: Queen Contest, Illinois State Pullers. Thursday, Aug. 3: Illinois State Pullers. Friday, Aug. 4: Big Hat Rodeo. Saturday, Aug. 5: Demo Derby. Sunday, Aug. 6: Tri-State Pullers. Free shows daily include: Robot Show, Chainsaw Artist, Magic Show, Roping Show, Aussie Animal Show.

Battle of the barns The Ogle County Farm

Bureau Young Leaders will again host their Battle of the Barns at the Ogle County Fair. The competition will be accessible in the Exhibit Building from Wednesday through noon on Sunday. Folks are asked to donate canned goods that will be collected and distributed to local food pantries in Ogle County. There are tubs available so you can place your canned goods to support your favorite fair barn. The goods in each tub will be totaled and the barn with the most donations will receive \$1,000 from the farm bureau for barn improvements. Cash donations payable to

the Ogle County Farm Bureau will also be accepted. Any donations received will also be disbursed to local food pantries. Repairs

The American Farm Bureau Federation signed a memorandum of understanding with CLAAS of America, providing even more farmers and ranchers the right to repair their

own farm equipment. The MOU follows similar agreements AFBF entered with John Deere, CNH Industrial Brands

> (which includes Case IH and New Holland), AGCO and Kubota. Combined, the five MOUs cover approximately three quarters of the agricultural machinery sold in the United States.

The memorandum of understanding with CLAAS demonstrates AFBF's continued commitment to ensure farmers have access to the tools they need to keep their farms running and America's families fed

Farmers and ranchers are more dependent on technology than ever before and they asked us to find a private-sector solution to the right to repair issue. This agreement is another step toward guaranteeing timely repairs for farmers regardless of the equipment they use.

The agreement creates a framework for farmers and independent repair facilities in all 50 states and Puerto Rico to access technical manuals, tools and product guides to self-diagnose and self-repair machines, while respecting intellectual property and legislated legal requirements of the manufacturer. It also reconfirms the ability to lease diagnostic tools, purchase products and parts from CLAAS dealers

"All the political angst and moral melodrama about getting 'the rich' to pay 'their fair share' is part of a big charade. This is not about economics, it is about politics." -Thomas Sowell

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

# **Reeder:** The whitest profession

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AST summer I met my first Black veterinarian.

I was accompanying a colleague of my wife's to a veterinary conference in North Carolina and we sat down for lunch with a group of other animal doctors. One of them happened to be African American.

What's remarkable about this first-time encounter is that I'm the son and husband of veterinarians. I've spent my entire life surrounded by animal doctors. I've attended countless veterinary reunions, conferences and informal get-togethers with my parents and spouse. But before 2022, I had never met a Black, Asian or Hispanic vet.

Every veterinarian I

#### had ever known was white.

When my dad graduated from the University of Illinois' vet school in 1960, his class was entirely white. When my wife graduated from the same college in 2001, she too didn't have any Black or Hispanic classmates.

In 2016, 2.1 percent of the nation's veterinarians were Black. By 2019, the number had dropped below one percent, Time magazine reported.

Veterinary medicine has been called the "whitest profession." That's a sad but accurate depiction.

Veterinary and human medical schools are extraordinarily difficult to gain admission to. Some unsuccessful candidates for American programs

resort to studying in the Caribbean or elsewhere overseas.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or HBCUs, such as the vet school at Tuskegee or the medical schools at

Howard, Meharry or Morehouse universities are largely responsible for fostering diversity within those professions.

In fact, Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has educated more

than 70 percent of the nation's African-American veterinarians. It is recognized as the most diverse of all colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S.

It's no secret that many

historically Black colleges are struggling. Just last year Lincoln College closed after 157 years of service. HBCUs are special places that provide unique nurturing and leadership opportunities.

But last month, the U.S. Supreme Court dealt a body blow to places like Tuskegee and other HBCUs.

The High Court said that race can no longer be considered a factor in university admissions. I'm

left wondering what that means for highly selective programs at historically black universities?

If whites wanting to be physicians or veterinarians are willing to travel to other countries to

attain their degrees, they certainly aren't going to be shy about applying to an American HBCU.

It is very possible that the vet school at Tuskegee will become as white as every other veterinary program in the nation. Much the same could be said for the nation's four HBCU medical schools.

HBCU's primarily exist to provide opportunities for students of color. That's why generations of donors have sacrificed to support these institutions. To now say that they need to be blind to race in their admissions is not just wrong but absurd.

Unfortunately, we live in a society that does not provide equal opportunity. Kids growing up in rural poverty or in the inner city often do not have access to the same quality schools that others do.

There needs to be some way of leveling the field. HBCUs have done a good job of helping do just that. Why undermine their reason for being?

After all, a profession should look like the people it serves.

Also, when children don't see someone who looks like them doing a particular job, they are likely to discount it as a career option for themselves. In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, one has to ask what hope there is for greater diversity?

Will the whitest profession become even whiter?

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# COMMUNITY



## American Legion Post 403 attends Railroad Days in Rochelle

Rochelle American Legion Post 403 had a display at the recent Railroad Days in Rochelle. The purpose of the display was to raise awareness of programs of Post 403 and encourage patriotism by giving out pens, flags and toy soldiers for the kids. From left to right Steve Korth (adjutant), Chuck Roberts (senior vicecommander), John Gruben (commander) and Leon Bozek (member).

### THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

7034 S. Klondike Road | Rochelle, IL 61068 | 815-561-9074 If you would like to volunteer with us, please email us at volunteer@kitchentablerochelle.org

July 25 – (Tuesday) – Taco Salad, Beef with Doritos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Salsa, Jalapenos, Sour Cream July 27 – (Thursday) – Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Pasta Salad

August 6 - (Sunday Brunch) - Serving from 9 to 12 -Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Egg Muffins, Pancakes, Sausage Links KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries

\*\*All menus are subject to change. If you would like to check before coming out, please call us at 815-561-9074 www.KitchenTableRochelle.org



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



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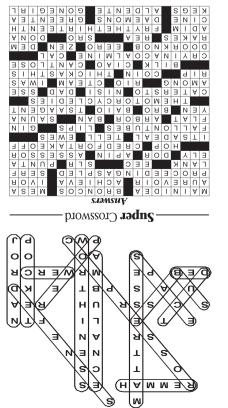
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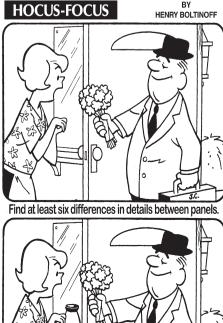
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# LOCAL NEWS TRACY: Longtime RCH employee named new CEO

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Tracy started at RCH as an OB nurse for six years before becoming manager of that department. After RCH ceased offering OB services, she became quality and risk coordinator and later joined the administrative team and assumed more responsibilities.

"Quality and risk really touches everything in the hospital," Tracy said. "That's part of the reason why the breadth of what I know in the hospital is pretty deep, because you work with everybody. I worked with staff members, managers and with outside organizations. But in all aspects of things I've done, nursing has always been part of it because it just filters in understanding and that has always been part of that."

Tracy said her immediate priorities include more face-to-face communication and collaboration with employees and management after COVID-19 limited that. RCH also recently spent time on a master facility planning process for improvements to various parts of the hospital, which she said will soon yield renovations done piece-by-piece.

Tracy said RCH is also looking at offering new services to the community, including a possible behavioral health unit. With its orthopedic services expansion to Sycamore, Tracy said supporting that endeavor is a top priority as well.

The week that her appointment to CEO was announced, Tracy was away at a conference. Since she wasn't around RCH and its employees, she took time to write down what it meant to her. That consisted of her feeling that every RCH employee is equally important, and she wants them to know that she will be taking into consideration how administration decisions will impact the entire team.

"My goal is to keep us strong, to make sure we hire the right people and have the right folks in place to do the jobs that need to be done," Tracy said. "And I am accessible. I'm going to move to this new office and that's a little bit of a struggle for me because I've been on the hallway for over 20 years. So I help people, I jump up and show them where they need to be and get them whatever they need or call somebody for them. Now I'll be a little farther away. I guess what our employees need to know is that I really respect the team."

As far as what she wants patients and the community to know, Tracy said quality patient care is "of the utmost importance" to her and RCH and that is found through physician and care staff recruiting and having high-quality equipment.

"We are committed to keeping our technology up to date and we want to be that small hospital that can provide a certain set of services, and then also if we cannot perform a service, we have the ability to have strong emergency care that gets

you to where you need to be," Tracy said. "We're committed to maintaining our high quality here in the community."

When starting out as a nurse, Tracy said she had no aspirations of becoming CEO. She didn't even think she'd work in the quality and risk field at the time. She's learned to never say never, and found after getting into management that she had an aptitude for improving systems. Tracy said she's found value in knowing and listening to RCH team members.

"Anything that I can do to educate all of us on what we need to know to be part of this community, that will be my job," Tracy said. "My approach is always to involve the people that have the most say in that decision. We should function as a team. We should share with each other. And then we collaboratively make decisions. We've already been doing that. We hear everybody's response and then huddle up and make that decision."

In her 31 years at RCH, Tracy has not grown tired of the community hospital's atmosphere.

"It's all about the people and the community," Tracy said. "I love our community. There's people I interact with that I know and people I interact with that I've just met. I think it's the people and also what I enjoy about working here is the collegial atmosphere. We support one another and it's about doing the right thing. I like to be part of that."



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New RCH CEO Karen Tracy said her immediate priorities include more face-toface communication and collaboration with employees and management after COVID-19 limited that.





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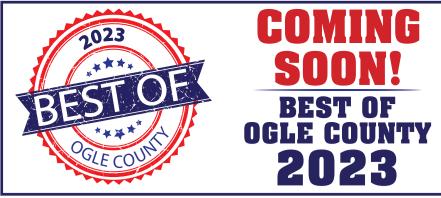
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# **SPORTS**

## **FIFTH TIME AROUND**

RTHS alum Ben Redington will play a fifth football season at UW-Eau Claire this fall.

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**RTHS Football** Hubs take on Cardinals Combined practice with Forreston HS highlights first week of padded camp

**BY RUSSELL HODGES** SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Hub football program kicked off its two weeks of padded camp at Rochelle Township High School on Monday morning. The Hubs highlighted their first week of camp on Wednesday, when the team held a combined practice with the Forreston Cardinals. The Hubs are less than three weeks away from their first fall practice of the season on Aug. 7.

"We know there's some really good football in the northern Illinois area and we're fortunate to be close with the Forreston staff," head coach Kyle Kissack said. "Our programs have very similar philosophies and it's nice to get out here and compete. We learn from them and hopefully we give them something to learn from us. We have a good relationship and our staffs communicate with each other both in and out of the season. It's been a great setup for a number of years."

Wednesday's combined practice included a series of blocking drills for offensive and defensive linemen as



The Rochelle Hub football team held its first week of padded camp, which kicked off on Monday and included a combined practice with the Forreston Cardinals on Wednesday. The padded camp runs from 8:30-10:30 a.m. through Thursday, July 27 at RTHS.

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our footwork, our eyes or ferentlooks in front of them. the last two seasons and to hosting a 7-on-7 with "The kids know that our our communication. We still We've seen a number of are looking to build on a 9-3 record and a trip to the IHSA Quarterfinals during the 2022 season.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

well as 7-on-7 workouts for skill players on both teams at the fresh-soph and varsity levels. The Hubs recently traveled to

Ashton-Franklin Center last month. Rochelle will conclude its summer with its second week of padded camp as well as a 7-on-7

purpose now is to see some different looks and clean things up," Kissack said. "We're still identifying the small details in our game,

have a long way to go, but our kids choose to respond every day and we put a little more stress on them every day. It's always good for our different schemes and it's a good test for our kids to see, respond and react to what's in front of them."

The Hubs have reached

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(COURTESY PHOTO)

## **Rochelle Area Track Club** Local athletes battle at Bob Nihells Youth Open Rochelle-area kids record top finishes in track meet at Lake Park High School

#### **BY RUSSELL HODGES**

SPORTS EDITOR

**ROSELLE** — The Rochelle Area Track Club competed at the DuPage Bob Nihells Youth Open on Saturday, with several athletes bringing home top finishes on the track and in the field.

### 6-8 Division

Brenner Dixon finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:50.98, 18th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 50.05 seconds and 29th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 22.09 seconds. Elias Bergeson took fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.58, 14th in the long jump with a mark of 2.23 meters and 25th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 20.24 seconds.

Penelope Guillemette won the shot put with a mark of 3.29 meters, third in the long jump with a mark of 5.48 meters and 29th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 23.30 meters.

### 9-10 Division

Tate Bigelow took sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.13 seconds, eighth in the 200-meter

dash with a time of 32.73 seconds and 13th in the long jump with a distance of 2.68 meters. Caleb Johnson finished fourth in the shot put with a distance of 4.05 meters, 19th in the long jump with a distance of 2.30 meters and 25th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 19.77 seconds. Bryce Nichols took fifth in the shot put with a mark of 2.87 meters, eighth in the javelin throw with a mark of 7.46 meters and 20th in the long jump with a mark of 2.24 meters.

Chase Marruffo finished sixth in the javelin throw with a mark of 10.04 meters and 21st in the long jump with a mark of 2.11 meters. Nicanor Jett Anaya took fourth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:45.22, ninth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:18.01 and 18th in the long jump with a mark of 2.38 meters.

### 11-12 Division

Kollins Anaya finished fourth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 7:13.27, fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:10.78 and 14th in the long jump with a mark of 2 meters.

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# **HUB SPOTLIGHT**



(PHOTO COURTESY OF UW-EAU CLAIRE ATHLEICS) Former Rochelle student-athlete Ben Redington caught his second collegiate touchdown pass during his senior season with the UW-Eau Claire football team.

## **Redington returning for fifth** season at UW-Eau Claire

**BY RUSSELL HODGES** SPORTS EDITOR

disappointing senior football season won't mark the end of former Rochelle student-athlete Ben Redington's career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. With a few more classes to finish before earning his bachelor's degree in exercise science, Redington intends to use extra eligibility earned from the COVID-19 pandemic to return for a fifth season with the BluGolds.

Redington appeared in eight games for the Wisconsin-Eau Claire football team during the 2022 season, catching a pass over each of his first two games before injuries reduced his workload. The RTHS reached the end zone during Wisconsin-Eau Claire's game at Wisconsin-Platteville on Nov. 5, recording a 3-yard touchdown reception for his second collegiate touchdown catch. "The season didn't quite go how we wanted to," Redington said. "We dealt with a lot of injuries and we had a lot of young players. I thought we learned a lot and I gained a lot of experience that I can take into my last year of eligibility... I chose to come back for a couple of reasons. Being on the football team has been a huge part of my experience over the last four years and the financial burden wouldn't be too heavy on me to come back for one more semester. I want to finish what I started and not having a great season last year persuaded me to stick around." Having gained significant strength and size since his playing days at Rochelle, where he played tight end in the team's run-heavy wing-T offense, Redington has been used in heavy formations and goal-line scenarios during his career with the BluGolds. The 6-foot, 230-pounder hauled in a 10-yard catch against Loras College on Sept. 3 as well as a 14-yard

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catch against Iowa Central on Sept. 10. After losing his sophomore season to the COVID-19 pandemic, Redington earned more playing time as a junior, recording five catches for 27 yards and one touchdown.

"I want to leave with the program in a better spot than it was when I came in," Redington said. "I was banged up after the first game and took on a reduced role toward the end of the season... Playing in that reduced role taught me a lot about handling situations and making the most of them. I'm going to be adopting a much larger workload this coming season and I'm going to take the lessons I've learned over the last two seasons and apply all of that to my last season."











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The soon-to-be fifth-year senior will look to lead the Wisconsin-Eau Claire football team to its first winning season since 2009. It's been tough sledding over the two seasons for the BluGolds, who finished 2-8 last season and 3-7 in 2021 after losing the 2020 season to the pandemic. Redington, who's currently working as a student intern at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, said that winning highlights his goals for the upcoming season.

"We were pretty disappointed with our 2-8 finish last year, but we're working with almost an entirely new coaching staff and we're looking to start their time here with a few more wins," Redington said. "I feel confident in saying that everything that's happened this offseason has put us in a pretty good position to do so... I think I've made a lot of strides to turn myself into a more complete player. I was deficient in the run game at the start of my career, mainly because of my size, but that's an area where I've really improved during my time here. My route running and my knowledge of reading coverages are areas of my game that have improved the most."

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# SPORTS

### RTHS Softball













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### Lady Hubs hold three-day youth softball camp at Rochelle Township High School softball fields

The Rochelle Lady Hub softball program held a three-day youth camp for grade-schoolers, middle-schoolers and incoming freshman earlier this week. Campers practiced Monday through Wednesday from 10-12 p.m. at the RTHS softball fields. Roughly 25 athletes participated in the camp, which emphasized fundamental skills including hitting, infield drills, outfield drills, throwing, pitching, baserunning and more. The camp was led by RTHS coaches and student-athletes.





#### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDI-CIAL CIRCUIT OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY W. HOWLETT, Deceased No. 2023-PR-39

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of GARY W. HOWLETT, of Oregon, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 30, 2023, to JOYCE E. HOWLETT, whose address is 994 N. Ridge Rd., Oregon, IL 61061, and whose attorneys are Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 4th Avenue, PO Box 117, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at Oale County Courthouse. Oregon, IL 61061, or with the representative, or both, no later than January 10, 2024, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

FEARER, NYE & CHADWICK, Attorneys for JOYCE E. HOWL-ETT, Administrator of the Estate of GARY W. HOWLETT, deceased No. 0719

(July 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Executive Board of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, SEJA/801, Joint Agreement, in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, is on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 417 N.

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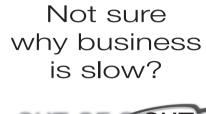
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(July 23 and 24, 2023)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Preliminary & Final Plat of Subdivision) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochelle City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North 6th Street relative to the following:

Petition of Central Bank Illinois for a preliminary & final plat of subdivision.

The subject properties to be subdivided are zoned B2 Commercial Highway, are located at 340 and 400 May Mart Drive, Parcels 24-24-127-053 and 24-24-127-057 and have the following legal descriptions:

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Public Notice is hereby more or less, subject to all easements, agreegiven that on July 14, ments, city codes and/ 2023 a certificate was or ordinances of record, filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting if any, all situated in the City of Rochelle, the forth the names and County of Ogle and the post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and Part of Lot 39 of J. O. McConaughy's Subditransacting the business known as: vision and part of the Northeast Quarter of Hickory Ridge Farm 5254 W. Edgewood Rd. the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, all Dixon, IL 61021 Dated July 14, 2023 in Township 40 North, Laura J. Cook, Ogle Range 1 East of the Third Principal Merid-County Clerk ian, bounded and de-No. 0742 (July 23, 30 and Aug. 6, Beginning at the South-

2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE of the Plat of May Mart NOTICE IS HEREBY Subdivision as recorded in Book "H" of Plats, GIVEN by the Board of Education of School page 38 in the Recorder's Office of Ogle District 231 in the coun-County, Illinois; thence ties of Ogle and Lee, South 89 degrees 57 State of Illinois, that minutes 15 seconds a tentative budget for West along the North said School District for Line of the Plat of May the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 will be Addition to the City of Rochelle, as recorded in on file and conveniently Book "F" of Plats, page available to public in-56 in the Recorder's Ofspection at the Office of fice of Ogle County, IIthe Superintendent of linois, a distance of 135 the Rochelle Communifeet; thence North 00 ty Consolidated School degrees 06 minutes 32 District, Rochelle, IIseconds East, parallel linois 61068, in this school district from and with the East Line of J. O. McConaughy's Subafter 8:00 A.M. on the division, a distance of 12th day of July, 2023, Monday through Friday, 30 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 min-8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. NOTICE IS FURTHER utes 15 seconds West, HEREBY GIVEN that a parallel with the North Line of the Plat of May public hearing on said Addition, a distance of 162 feet, more or less,

budget will be held at 5:50 PM on the 12th day of September, 2023, at the Lincoln Elementary School in this school District 231.

Attest: Mary Korth, Secretary No. 0745 (July 23, 2023)

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of School District 212 in the counties of Ogle, Lee, DeKalb, State of Illinois, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of the Rochelle Township High School, Rochelle, Illinois 61068, in this school district from and after 8:00 A.M. on the 18 th day of July, 2023, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 5:20 PM on the 18 th day of September, 2023, at the Rochelle Township High School in this school District 212.

Dated this 17 th day of July, 2023.

Board of Education of School District No. 212 in the Counties of Oale. Lee, and DeKalb, State of Illinois. Martin Ravnaas, Secretary Board of Education Rochelle Township High School District 212

No. 0746 (July 23, 2023)

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# **SPORTS**



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Area Track Club competed at the DuPage Bob Nihells Youth Open on Saturday, with several athletes bringing home top finishes.

## **TRACK:** Rochelle athletes compete at meet in Roselle time of 17.47 seconds.

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Arabella Marruffo took fifth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 7:30.18, seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:44.79 and 10th in the long jump with a mark of 2.50 meters. Megan Johnson took 26th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 18.70 seconds.

### 13-14 Division

Anya Anaya finished third in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:01.52, fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.23 meters and 10th in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:03.41. Morgan DeLille took 12th in the shot put with a mark of 5.70 meters. Clark Bevan finished fourth in the shot put with a mark of 7.29 meters, 16th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 37.74 and 19th in the 100-meter dash with a

Tyler Johnson took fourth in both the 800-meter run with a time of 2:30.49 and the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:28.72 while taking eighth in the long jump

with a mark of 4.17 meters and ninth in the discus with a throw of 16.98 meters. Carol Carpenter finished fourth in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:06.61, 12th in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 38.03 seconds and 13th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.40 seconds.

### 15-16 Division

Nolan Johnson took first in the javelin throw with a distance of 23.88 meters, fifth in the triple jump with a mark of 10.78 meters, sixth in the high jump with a clearance of 1.53 meters and 50th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.80

seconds. Samuel Sergeant finished fifth in the shot put with a mark of 5.47 meters, sixth in the discus throw with a mark of 12.15 meters and 51st in the 100-meter dash with a time of 16.85 seconds. Hunter Bivins took fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:17.39 and ninth in the high jump with a mark of 1.38 meters.

## 17-18 Division

Kyra Bivins finished sixth in both the discus with a mark of 18.94 meters and the shot put with a mark of 8.50 meters. Nathan Sergeant took sixth in the triple jump with a mark of 11.69 meters and 47th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.94 seconds. Landon Mickley finished fourth in the shot put with a mark of 12.87 meters and seventh in the discus with a mark of 33.85 meters.

HOUSEKEEPING



## Fairways GC takes eighth at 101st Men's Lincoln Highway Championship

The Fairways Golf Course team finished eighth overall at the 101st Men's Lincoln Highway Championship tournament hosted by Mendota Golf Club this past weekend. Fairways finished with a +5 score in the best-against-bogey format. The team included George Weber (+10), Jon Woeppel (+10), Josh Johnson (+7), David Shaw (-1), Ian Metzger (-2) and Garrett Burdin (-19).





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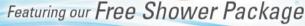


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# SPORTS



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES) Head football coach Kyle Kissack speaks to the Rochelle Hub varsity football team after Wednesday's combined camp with the Forreston Cardinals. Rochelle will kick off the 2023 season with a road game against Woodstock on Friday, Aug. 25. Below, members of the Rochelle and Forreston teams shake hands after practice.

## HUBS: Rochelle kicks off two weeks of padded football camp

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Rochelle will have several junior and senior players returning from last year's roster. Seniors Landon Mickley and Brock Metzger as well as juniors Kaiden Morris, Grant Gensler, Erich Metzger and Jack Pavlak are only some of the returning athletes who could play key roles for the Hubs this coming fall.

"Collectively, what I've always admired about this junior and senior class is that they love to compete with each other," Kissack said. "If they aren't at their best on any given day, there's somebody right on their heels for their job. That's the exciting part about coming out to practice is that somebody can be replaced on any day based on their performance. I think that's been good for all of our kids, whether it's the kids who're penciled in as starters or the kids who are right behind them. Their competitiveness amongst friends to be their best is what I really enjoy."

The two-week padded camp runs Monday through Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the RTHS practice fields. Rochelle will have one week off before returning for the start of fall practices on Aug. 7. The Hubs will kick off the season against Woodstock on Friday, Aug. 25.



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