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Fire training facility coming to Rochelle

'The potential for the site years down the road is tremendous'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Following approval by the Rochelle City Council on June 12 of a special use permit for the Rochelle Fire Department and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District for a government multi-use fire training facility at 920 S. Main St., construction on and use of the facility will be seen in late summer or early fall, RFD Chief Dave Sawlsville said.

The property is approximately 12.06 acres and is currently vacant land that was donated to the city in 2020. The project will be done in phases as money becomes available. The cost will be split 50-50 between the city and the OLFDP.

The first phase is a small initial facility for firefighters to start training on. Most training is currently done at the Rochelle and OLFDP fire stations and is limited due to fear of damaging buildings.

Sawlsville said modular training structures have been ordered, and they will be placed on a cement pad. Those steps will make up



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phase one of the project. Initial structures will arrive in late summer or early fall, and by then Sawlsville hopes to have the concrete pad in place. The structures come fully fabricated and training can begin as soon as they're set.

The second phase of the long-term project at some point in the future will involve a parking lot at the site, phase three would be another set of structures to simulate a four-story building, and another phase would involve a

brick and mortar building.

The initial training structures this year will be designed around state training requirements for firefighters such as forcing doors, ventilation and doing room searches. A structure on the top will

be a roof prop that can be changed to practice on different roof types. There will also be a burn room and a simulated window on the second floor to practice bailing out of a fire.

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HOPE of Ogle County provides safety planning, support, shelter and referrals while empowering survivors to build a safe and peaceful future. It offers counseling, assistance and resources to those who are contending with the effects of abusive relationships. The nonprofit is available 24/7 to listen and provide support and Order of Protection services are available as well. HOPE has offices in Rochelle, Oregon and Polo.

Earlier this year, HOPE received notification that organizations that are recipients of federal funds VOCA (Victim of Crime Act) and VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) would see at least a 52.7 percent cut. VOCA was previously one of HOPE's largest funders. During the



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application process, HOPE reduced its application amount with the cut in mind, and two weeks ago found out there would be even more of a cut than 52.7 percent.

"The cut for HOPE of Ogle County for VOCA and

VAWA funding combined is \$228,441 for the next three years," Carter said. "The message I'd like to send is that the community support that we have from our local grants and ongoing donations we get from the community all help us

keep everything moving. I don't think there's anything we're going to be able to do about the funding aspect of VOCA and VAWA. It was a surprise to many domestic violence agencies."

Carter said that while HOPE will continue to

offer all of its programs, the funding cut prevented it from rehiring an adult counselor that it planned for, which will cause clients to wait longer before getting into appointments.

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Gabe and Larissa Valdivieso received the Rochelle Chamber's most recent Lawn of the Week award. Page 7

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LOCAL NEWS

Byron Generating Station contributes \$10,000 to area environmental nonprofits

BYRON — Constellation's Byron Generating Station is contributing a total of \$10,000 to four area environmental non-profit organizations, while its employee-led conservation club continues ecological improvements on the more than 1,700 acres of the nuclear plant's property in northern Illinois. The donations to groups focused on Rock River preservation and community ecological efforts, combined with station employee conservation events, is a logical pairing of business and community efforts to maintain the state's natural resources and help combat the negative effects of climate change. "We've planted milkweed along with warm season grasses and summer flowers on hundreds of acres of Constellation property to restore the natural habitat for wildlife and create a sanctuary for the diminishing monarch butterfly population," Byron Station Employee Matt Hinkle, president of the plant's employee conservation club, said. "Our club members, employees and their families have helped with numerous projects like tree plant and invasive brush clearing to make our extended property a wonderful oasis for

area wildlife."

The \$10,000 gift to area environmental non-profits will be split evenly between:

"Hoo" Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center – Dedicated to rehabilitating and releasing sick, injured and orphaned North American wildlife, and educating individuals to the importance of the conservation of Mother Earth, to maintain the land, clean and beautiful for all.

Rockford Park District Foundation – Its mission is to assist the Rockford Park District in its pursuit of a quality park and recreation system in order to help people in our community enjoy life.

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County – Dedicated to protecting, conserving, enhancing and promoting Winnebago County's natural heritage for the environmental, educational and recreational benefit of present and future generations.

Rock River Coalition – Dedicated to preserving and improving water resources throughout the Rock River Basin and to educate and provide opportunities for people of diverse interests to work together to improve the environmental, recreational, cultural and



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"Hoo Haven remains committed to help area wildlife, and contributions like these from Constellation are vital to helping us treat in-

jured animals," Steven Herdklotz of Hoo Haven said. "Our organization is working to acquire a portable X-ray machine and expand some veterinary services. These funds come at a perfect time

to help us continue our mission."

Byron Generating Station is a certified "Silver" business by the Wildlife Habitat Council. The plant is located in Ogle County, about 100 miles

northwest of Chicago. With both units at full power, the site produces more than 2,300 megawatts, enough electricity to power the equivalent of more than 1.7 million average American homes.

Route 2 construction in Ogle and Winnebago counties begins July 10

BYRON — The Illinois Department of Transportation announced recently that weather permitting, construction on Illinois Route 2 in Ogle and Winnebago Counties will begin on Monday, July 10. The 10.6-mile work zone is from Illinois Route 72

in Byron to Beltline Road in Rockford.

Work will consist of patching the road and will require isolated complete road closures with a marked detour. Traffic between Byron and Rockford should follow the detour using Illinois

Route 72, Kishwaukee Road and Beltline Road. Illinois Route 2 will be accessible to local traffic. The \$1.4 million project is expected to be completed by Oct. 4.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through

this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices

and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and nine million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which

is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through year two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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LOCAL NEWS

HOPE: Ogle County nonprofit organization sees federal spending cut

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The cut also caused HOPE to move its children's counseling position to part-time (24 hours a week). HOPE also had to cut one of its offices as well, its outreach office at the Ogle County Services building.

"I wish I knew exactly why the funding was cut," Carter said. "4-5 years ago, we began receiving more VOCA funding. And now, sexual assault, domestic violence and child advocacy agencies all saw a cut. I think domestic violence had the biggest hit throughout the state. They said there's a good chance that there will be an increase after the next three years. They're optimistic that there will be more funds."

Carter said current employee layoffs have not had to occur due to the funding cuts. The nonprofit was also "blessed" that IDHS (Illinois Department of Human Services) funding saw an increase last year and HOPE was able to make renovations to its domestic abuse shelter ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

"We were able to hold on to staff, but couldn't hire an additional shelter advocate like we want-

ed," Carter said. "The advocates that we have are doing a good job compensating for all of that. Our domestic violence advocates cover the shelter and hotline and the majority of them are part-time advocates. We're a 24/7 agency with a hotline and we always have to have someone here at the office and somebody always answering the hotline. Running an agency that is 24/7 that also shelters is a lot more expensive than the average social service agency."

In 2022, HOPE provided services to 457 clients, including 347 adults and 110 children. It provided 7,304 hours of services and sheltered 80 individuals, including 40 adults and 40 children throughout the year.

Carter said the need for domestic violence services "is always there" and has "never waned." Even throughout COVID-19, HOPE had to drop its shelter numbers due to restrictions, but numbers in general did not go down. Carter said her organization has seen "a real increase" in "more dangerous cases" of domestic violence in recent years.

Over the years with more funding and support, HOPE has been able



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to build up its services in Ogle County and reach more people in the rural communities and more Latinx survivors, Carter said.

"This funding cut feels like we're still grasping for the funds that we need," Carter said. "It was disheartening. You really

want all of the services to be available to everybody right away. Some folks are going to have to wait a little bit for counseling, but I want to make sure people know that we still have all of our services available. We'll continue to seek out grants and funding to make sure that

we're always running. I want people to know we're here and that we can serve them if they need us."

HOPE of Ogle County is approaching its 40th anniversary and is planning a 40-year celebration in October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness

Month. The date is to be determined.

Donations can be made to support HOPE of Ogle County online at <https://hopedv.org/donate.html>. If you would prefer to mail a monetary donation, please mail it to: HOPE of Ogle County, P.O. Box 131, Rochelle IL 61068.



Kiwanis donates to Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H

Rochelle Kiwanis Golden K Club President Ric Taylor recently presented a member of the Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H from Rochelle with a check. This is part of the \$28,000 that the club gives to organizations focused on youth.

Golf outing fundraiser for Creston Library is July 9

ROCHELLE—A golf outing fundraiser will be held for the Creston Dement Library on Sunday, July 9 at Fairways Golf Course in Rochelle. Registration is at 11 a.m. and

there will be a shotgun start at noon.

The cost for 18 holes with a cart is \$85 per person and includes greens fees, dinner and prizes.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Geneta JoAnn Koontz

GE passed away peacefully as she held her daughters' hands at her bedside. Born to Emmett and Esther (Collenberg) Frakes in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ge married the love of her life, Charles C. Koontz, "Bud", on April 10, 1943. After his military service in World War II, they lived in Oregon, Illinois, where Bud had grown up. In 1947 they began farming the land that became the Koontz family homestead on Moore Road, 2 miles south of Lindenwood. Ge did not consider herself to be the typical farmer's wife, because she hated chickens and gardening, and only drove a tractor when absolutely necessary. As a devoted wife and mother to her four children, Steve (1947), Terry (1949) Vickie (1951) and Scott (1953), Ge thought of her family as her greatest pride and joy. She actively participated in the Lindenwood Community Club, the Lindenwood Union Church Choir and the church's

Ladies Aide. Her creative talents were often rewarded as she partnered with others in fundraisers and local clubs' events. The young girl from the big city adapted to the country lifestyle, and considered her life to be totally fulfilled. Ge and Bud enjoyed their travels to international destinations and beautiful places in the USA. Spending time with family and friends often happened at their cottage on Lauderdale Lakes in Wisconsin during the summertime, or in the warmth of southern Texas during the wintertime. Ge was preceded in death by her beloved Bud in 2004. In 2006 she moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin to be near her daughters, Terry Wolf and Vickie Kwasny. Ge is survived by her four children and Steve's wife Carolyn (Meador), nine grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren, and will be remembered by all who knew her to be delightfully optimistic with a bit of a snarky wit that kept us on



our toes. "Hey, hey!" A celebration of Ge's life will be hosted by her family in The Addison's Hospitality Room at 9651 Prairie Ridge Blvd, Pleasant Prairie, WI on July 15th from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. An informal memorial will be held at the Lindenwood Union Church on Monday, July 17, starting at 10 a.m. and proceeding to the Lindenwood Cemetery for burial of Bud and Ge's cremated remains. In lieu of flowers, donations made to Hospice Alliance at 10220 Prairie Ridge Boulevard, Pleasant Prairie, WI, 53158 will be gratefully received. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all those who cared for Ge, and made her difficult days better.

Donald Lee Chaon Jr.

MARKESAN, Wis. - Donald Lee Chaon, Jr., passed away peacefully at home on July 1, 2023 with his loving wife by his side. Don was born on March 6, 1937, the son of Beulah "Boots" (Allison) and Donald Chaon Sr. He had an active school education, attending 12 different schools before graduating from La Moille High School in 1955. He started life as a farm boy and worked his way up to plant controller at Del Monte, transferring to Markesan from Illinois in 1972. After his retirement, he stayed busy, finding other fun jobs to pass the time. Antiquing was a big passion of his, and he enjoyed all forms of monetary games of chance. He was an avid golfer, a Packers convert, and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son and friends. In his role as grandfather, he put together many fun and adventurous activities for the grandchildren, creating memories they will carry with them forever.

He was united in marriage to Janice Chaon for 35 years. On Sept. 16, 1995, he was united in marriage to his wife, Bonnie Justmann Williams in Berlin. He was a member of the Jaycees and later the Lions Club. Don courageously battled diabetes for over 45 years. Don is survived by his wife, Bonnie Chaon of Ripon; children, Lee (Sheri) Chaon of Oshkosh; Tina (Jim) Fredrickson of Madison; Josh (Molly) Williams of Green Lake; Randi (Mike) Rowley of Alaska; son-in-law, Scott Gudex of Ripon; grandchildren, Betina (Emily Romaine) Chaon, Lindsay (David) Clay, Heather Wright, Ashley (Tyler MacNeal) Wright, Jamie (Rafael Leonardez) Fredrickson, Lesha (Ryan Gahart) Chaon, and Ike Williams; great-grandchildren, Delilah Meyer, Amelia and Lilly Clay; mother-in-law, Lorraine Justmann, sister-in-law, Julianne (Gary) Born; brother-in-law, Dale (Jeannine) Justmann; and numerous



nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three infant brothers; daughter, Becky Gudex; aunts and uncles; and other relatives. Visitation for Don will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at River Shores Church, 253 S. Church St., Berlin from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Casey Getz officiating. Burial will take place at Tichora Cemetery, town of Mackford. Cornerstone Funeral & Cremation Services, 181 S. Main St., Markesan is honored to be serving the family. You may send private online condolences or sign the family's guest book at www.cstonefs.com.

NIU announces local spring 2023 graduation list

DEKALB — Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from the local area: Creston: Tyler Byro, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering; Austin Childers, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering and Kristine Radtke, Master of Science in Education, Higher Education and Student Affairs. Kings: Anthony Muratore, Bachelor of Arts,

Psychology. Rochelle: Carley Ackland, Bachelor of Arts, English; Morgan Baker, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology; Cristian Burciaga, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology; Judy Fulgencio, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Judy Fulgencio, Bachelor of Arts, World Lang & Cultures: Spanish & Hispanic Studies; Annette Gonzalez, Bachelor of Arts, World Lang & Cultures: Spanish & Hispanic Studies; Mandi Lamb, Bachelor of Science,

Nursing; Marlena Leutik, Bachelor of Science, Nursing; Wesley Pasholk, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Elementary Education: Bilingual/ESL; Tina Ramos, Bachelor of Science, Operations & Information Management; Craig Ritchie, Master of Science in Education, Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Keelyn Sarmiento, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy; Nicole Sheets, Bachelor of Science, Nursing and Carly Weiner, Bachelor of Science, Nursing.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make one arrest

ROCHELLE — On July 3, Rochelle Police cited Korian J. Lucious, 33, Milwaukee, for driving

with a suspended license. Lucious posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Aug. 11.

On July 4, Rochelle Police arrested Eric Paul, 34, Rochelle, for domestic battery and transferred.



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Dorothy's Diamonds take trip to Virginia

ROCHELLE — Dorothy's Diamonds recently returned from a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, Virginia.

Other sites visited were: Relaxing time on Virginia Beach; Virginia Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center; the Historic Center & Merchants Square; Mariners' Museum and Park; Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin; the MacArthur Center; a beautiful ride on the rover with a narrated cruise of the Norfolk harbor and Norfolk Naval Base, home of the Atlantic Fleet. We discovered the sights of the Elizabeth River, Port of Virginia, and the World's largest naval base. The last stop en route home was at the beautiful Virginia War Memorial in Richmond,



Virginia. This was another great trip with a wealth of history and beautiful country where you can sit back relax and leave the driving to Paul and make new friends. Benefits of this trip are to be decided. Act now to join Dorothy's Diamonds traveling to beautiful Colorado in August to Historic Manitou Springs at the foothills of Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, the Royal Gorge

where you can cross the suspension bridge and ride the Aerial Tram, Colorado Springs, Air Force Academy, the Olympic & Paralympic Training Center, The Buffalo Bill Ranch State Park, and much more. Contact Dorothy 815-384-5325 for more info. 2024 St. Augustine, Florida in March and the Smokey Mountains in October, and more to be decided.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

OREGON — On July 1, Ogle County Sheriff's Office 911 center received a 911 call at 1600 hours referencing smoke emitting from a residence at 218 Prairie Street in Creston. Ogle County Deputies, Creston FD, Rochelle FD, Stillman Valley FD, and Illinois State Police responded to the scene. No injuries were reported. This fire remains under investigation.

On July 2 at 10:55 a.m., Deputies responded to the 3000 block of North River Road, Oregon for the report of a single vehicle accident. After a brief investigation, it was learned that a black Chevrolet SUV left the roadway, entering the west ditch. The vehicle then struck a culvert and mailbox before coming to a rest

after colliding with a tree. The driver, Jesus Deleon (age 33 of Lakemoor), was cited for Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident and Improper Container/Driver-Cannabis. Deleon refused medical treatment and was released on a notice to appear. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On July 2 at approximately 3:14 a.m., Ogle County Deputies along with Lynn-Scott-Rock, Rochelle, Stillman Valley, and Byron Fire Departments responded to a structure fire in the 15,000 block of East Bethel Road, Rochelle. Firefighters contained the scene and no one was injured. The fire is still under investigation.

On July 3 at approximately 2:49 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Route 251 and Lind Road. After investigation Deputies placed Bradley Risely, age 43 of Rochelle under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Risely was additionally issued a citation for No Valid Insurance. Risely was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On July 3 at 5:57 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After a brief investigation, Ramonda G. Easley, age 57, of Freeport was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance

(Crack Cocaine Class 4 Felony, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Easley was additionally issued a citation for Operate Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Easley was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. All suspects are presumed innocent.

On July 4 at approximately 4:08 p.m., Ogle County Deputies along with the Polo Police department responded to the 2000 block of South Galena Trail Road in reference to a suspicious person. After a brief investigation Jared Mon, age 22 of Polo was arrested for driving with a revoked driver's license, driving under the influence of drugs, aggravated driving under influence, and an \$100,000.00 outstanding Lee County warrant. Mon was transported to the Ogle County jail where is held in lieu of bond. All subjects presumed innocent.

On July 4 at approximately 2:48 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Lowell Park Road and Henry Road. After investigation Deputies placed Jeremy Henson, age 25 of Dixon was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended. Henson was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Henson was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

LOCAL NEWS



Ogle County 4-H represented at Leaf River Summer Daze parade

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Ogle County 4-H clubs and Ambassadors participated in the parade at Leaf River Summer Daze on Sunday, June 4. The Leaf River Soaring Eagles club pulled a hay wagon with members of the club, a dairy calf, milk cans, and faux cheese blocks on it. The club theme for the float was: June is Dairy Month. The club won first place. Placing third was the Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H club. Since they are celebrating their 80th anniversary this year, club members decorated an 80s theme float. Ogle County 4-H Ambassadors were also in the parade line-up. This is a group of teenagers who travel within the county promoting the 4-H program to other youth. The Ogle County 4-H Drill team placed first place in the equine division.

14th Street and 8th Avenue closure begins Monday, July 10

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle will close 14th Street between 6th and 8th Avenue as well as 8th Avenue between 14th

Street and 400 feet west of 15th Street on July 10. The project includes complete pavement removal and reconstruction by

NTRAK construction. The project is expected to be completed by Sept. 6. Advance warning, detour and other temporary

traffic control devices will be posted near the affected area. Please use caution while traveling in this area and pay special

attention to the advanced warning signage, road closed signage and other temporary traffic control devices within or in ad-

vance of the work zone. The City of Rochelle greatly appreciates your patience during the project.

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.org. 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

Calvary Lutheran Church, LCMC - “To Know Christ and to Proclaim Christ in Word and Deed” -19 Perry Road, Lee, IL 60530 (the intersection of Perry Road and W. County Line Road). Rev. Martha Uecker Nelson, Pastor. Coffee Hour starts at 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Bible Study are at 9:15 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. and is broadcast live on Facebook. Go to our website is at www.Calvarychurchlee.org and click on the link there. A Grief Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call or text (815) 824-2825 or email CalvaryLeeIL@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Also check us out at www.facebook.com/Calvary-Lutheran-Church.

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.com/crestonumcil facebook.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@faithlrochelle.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

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

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.

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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.. [f](#)

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

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: stpatrickrochelle.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

Life lessons for recent graduates and everyone else

MANY of us learned long ago of the limited persuasive power of unsolicited advice. Offering unprompted words of wisdom is the clear triumph of hope over experience! Nonetheless, this spring I bravely offered my students at Southern Illinois University some of the lessons that I have learned over my career. I humbly offer them here as well.

One: Work hard at every job — even the ones you don’t like. You can learn a lot from work that isn’t fun, rewarding or stimulating. In addition to gaining skills, you can also study the qualities of successful colleagues. Learn from stars.

Two: Try out as many things professionally as

possible early in your career. Take chances, don’t be afraid to fail, and then focus by mid-career.

Three: Travel as much as you can within your own country and abroad. Traveling expands your horizons and makes you a larger person. And it’s fun.

Four: READ, especially BOOKS, and especially biographies and memoirs. They are life’s instruction manuals.

Five: Commit to excellence. My favorite historian, Barbara Tuchman, wrote that you either do things right or half-right, your approach is either careful or sloppy. Always try to do things right and make sure your approach is careful.

Six: Keep improving your skills, in particular writing and negotiating.

Effective writing requires clear thinking which is both valuable and rare. And much of life is negotiating, even when we are not aware of it.

Seven: Play the long game. Stay in touch with people. Send notes, make calls and ask questions of your bosses, colleagues, friends and especially your parents and grandparents. Mark Twain was right: “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

Eight: Persistence is an underrated, even essen-

tial, quality. Press ahead on projects and refuse to give up. Stay humble, exceed expectations, and control the controllables.

Nine: Make time to think and plan. George Shultz, as secretary of state, set aside one hour a week to sit quietly in his office to consider what he was trying to accomplish. He brought only a notepad, a pen and his thoughts. Thinking and planning allows us to avoid one of life’s greatest traps: letting the urgent take precedence over the important.

Ten: Take every opportunity, even small ones, to be courageous. John F. Kennedy wrote that

courage “requires no exceptional qualifications, no magic formula, no special combination of time, place and circumstance. It is an opportunity that sooner or later is presented to us all.”

Eleven: Be on the lookout for mentors. Life has a way of providing them at times and in places that are surprising. Watch for them and pay as much attention to what they do as to what they say.

Twelve: Be a good citizen. Learn how your government works, vote, support honorable candidates even if you don’t agree with *all* their views. Make life better in your community and support problem-solvers.

Thirteen: Enjoy life; the years pass quickly. Al McGuire, the legend-

ary coach of Marquette University, sent a note to one of his successors, Tom Crean, wishing him luck. McGuire’s handwriting was not completely legible, so the note ended with either “Enjoy the sun” or “Enjoy the run.” Which ever word McGuire intended, the meaning is the same.

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John T. Shaw

Numbers behind farm bill legislation

NO doubt the negotiations for a new federal farm bill are on most farmers’ minds these days. Let’s look at some of the numbers behind the legislation courtesy of the American Farm Bureau.

The Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) most recent Baseline for Farm Programs identifies expected outlays for farm program spending, assuming existing programs continue without changes, and indicates program spending available to Congress as crafting of the 2023 farm bill kicks into high gear.

CBO releases these projections on expected spending for farm programs for the 10-year baseline — the current budget year plus 10 years — up to three times

a year. Farm bill math creates a few possible scenarios. Depending on negotiations between the Budget and Agriculture committees, lawmakers crafting the next farm bill could be required to be budget neutral, meaning any increase in spending in one part of the bill would require a decrease in spending elsewhere in the bill; they could be required to have an overall net reduction; or they may be able to increase spending. Given such budget directives, scoring (estimating the additional outlays and

potential savings relative to the baseline) is one of the most critical components of farm bill development. From now through the farm bill’s passage, any change in policy will require an estimate of the budgetary impact.

In general, the May report reveals only minor housekeeping adjustments compared to February’s release. Future policy proposals that arise during 2023 farm bill discussions will most likely be scored against these values.

The May CBO release includes updates to expected outlays for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In the February projections CBO increased its estimate of SNAP outlays by \$8 billion (six percent) for 2023 and by \$93 billion (eight percent) between 2024-2033. This increase was linked to higher estimated program utilization as a result of higher unemployment as well as upward adjustments in expected food costs under the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP), which is utilized to estimate the cost of a healthy diet, including USDA’s choice to not make their five-year updates of the TFP composition cost-neutral. With the May CBO release came another upward revision in these costs due to higher expected SNAP participation.

For 2023 alone, projections moved from \$127 billion to \$145 billion, an \$18 billion (14 percent) increase. Between the 10-year period of 2024-2033, the May release also forecasts an \$18 billion cumulative increase, from \$1.205 trillion to \$1.223 trillion. Combined with other programs normally authorized in the farm bill, nutrition spending makes up over 81 percent of expected outlays. Nutrition revisions make up 56 percent of the total \$31 billion increase between the February 2024-2033 projection and May 2024-2033 projection.

Based on the 2024-2033 10-year outlay projection, a 2023 farm bill would cost nearly \$1.5 trillion, making it the most expensive on record. This is 1.73 times higher than the original estimated cost of the 2018 farm bill (\$867 billion). After nutrition, crop insurance outlays, which include delivery expenses, underwriting gains and premium cost sharing, make up the second largest outlay category, projected at \$101 billion or seven percent of the 2024-2033 timeframe. This is a \$4 billion increase from the February CBO baseline. The third-largest category includes spending

on commodity support programs such as Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and the many authorized disaster support programs. The May report expects these commodity programs to cost \$65.7 billion between 2024-2033, up almost \$10 billion from the February baseline. Estimated outlays for livestock disaster assistance programs alone almost doubled from \$5.7 billion to \$10.9 billion. Conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are estimated at \$60 billion, or four percent, of the total score.

This \$2.5-billion increase from February’s projections is primarily linked to CRP outlays.

It also includes \$34.7 billion in spending that was passed in the Inflation Reduction Act for agriculture, forestry and rural development. CBO scored the IRA conservation baseline at \$18.05 billion for programs traditionally authorized through the farm bill. Questions persist on how this IRA funding could impact farm bill program spending, prompting its

tentative inclusion in our analysis below. There was no update to IRA spending expectations included in the May projections.

Overall, 2024-2033 expected outlays are up nearly \$30 billion from the February projections — a two percent increase.

Costs for many of the provisions of current farm programs move in the opposite direction of commodity prices. Recent periods of higher prices have resulted in lower commodity support payments. The distribution of farm program payments follows base acreage in the U.S. Corn, soybeans and wheat represent nearly 70 percent of all program payments, while rice, cotton and peanuts represent another 20 percent. Sorghum, upland cotton, dairy and other smaller field crops represent the remaining 10 percent or so of outlays. These outlays come in the form of PLC or ARC payments, and the margin protection program for dairy outlays through DMC. Compared to the February baseline, all analyzed crops except peanuts saw a forecasted increase in outlays. The increase was the highest for upland cotton, which moved from an expected \$3.616 billion for 2024-2033 in February to \$5.376 billion in May, mainly linked to increases in the

PLC category.

This most recent CBO baseline on farm program outlays is an important indicator of the budget outlook and is expected to set spending boundaries during current farm bill debates. Notably, however, agriculture and nutrition programs normally authorized through the farm bill only make up about 1.85 percent of total federal spending. Drilled down further, farm income support and crop insurance account for less than one quarter of one percent (0.1 percent and 0.13 percent, respectively) of federal spending. Whereas Medicare, Medicaid, net interest on debt, defense spending and Social Security make up 76 percent of federal spending.

Few pieces of legislation are more significant than the farm bill when it comes to safeguarding our domestic food supply. Ensuring that program funding is reflective of market changes is critical to maintaining the farm bill’s role in national security and the health and well-being of rural communities.

“When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.” -PJ O’Rourke

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Ron Kern

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COMMUNITY

Valdiviesos win Rochelle Chamber's Lawn of the Week

ROCHELLE—Gabe and Larissa Valdivieso were recently named the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce's Lawn of the Week winner. Rochelle ACE Hardware Manager Jesse Lopez was on hand to deliver their gift card and yard sign Monday morning, June 26. The chamber has partnered with Rochelle Ace Hardware to award gift cards to the winners.

The 2023 Lawn of the Week program has begun for the summer and will run through September. Nominate a neighbor/yard each week by submitting a name and address on the Rochelle chamber's website, <http://therochellechamber.com/lawn-of-the-week>. Submissions can also be made by emailing rochellechamber@gmail.com. "We are proud to recognize our residents that



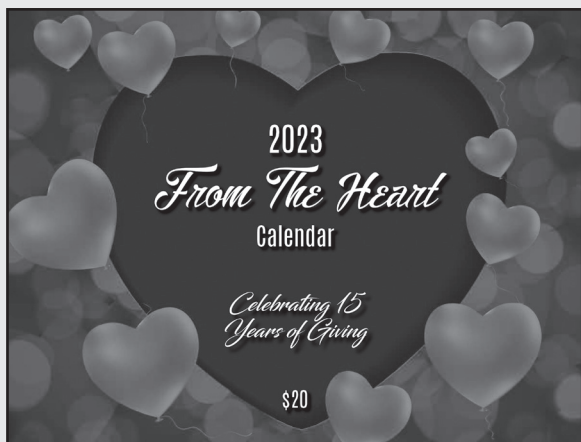
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display community pride in Rochelle," Chamber Executive Director Tricia

Herrera said. "We love that this program gives us the chance to showcase

the hard work and dedication they put in to making our city look great."



- June 13 - Gwen Marie, Rochelle, \$25
- June 14 - John Hueramo, Rochelle, \$25
- June 15 - Christina Neale, Rochelle, \$25
- June 16 - From the Heart, \$25
- June 17 - Matt Mom's, Kingston, \$25
- June 18 - Zekelman Employee, \$500
- June 19 - Tyler Jahn, Rochelle, \$25
- June 20 - Tina Fletcher, Westville, IN, \$25
- June 21 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- June 22 - Jill Gallagher, Rochelle, \$25
- June 23 - Jennifer Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
- June 24 - RACF, \$25
- June 25 - Paula Albers, Rochelle, \$50
- June 26 - Nancy Carr, Davis Junction, \$25
- June 27 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
- June 28 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- June 29 - Charlee Call, New Berlin, WI, \$25
- June 30 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- July 1 - Heather James, Stillman Valley, \$25
- July 2 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$50
- July 3 - Barbara Halvorson, Rochelle, \$25
- July 4 - From the Heart, \$1,000
- July 5 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
- July 6 - Ashley Anderson, Mt. Morris, \$25
- July 7 - Tami Rhea, Esmond, \$25
- July 8 - RACF, \$25
- July 9 - Aaron Samp, Palos Heights, \$50

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| July 9
Josh Kulwicki | July 17
Carolyn Overstreet | July 23
Elmer Lopez |
| July 11
Jasper Lopez | July 19
Eric & Katie Johnson (anniversary) | July 24
Paige Komadina
Juliana Kann
Jackson Kann |
| July 12
Zach Walker
Gene Messer
Danica Thompson
Thayde Sullivan | July 20
Courtney South
Corey Lawrence
Zack Lawrence
Aaron Doering | July 26
Jim Friestad |
| July 13
Landon DuBourg | July 21
Gavin Arnold | July 27
Brian & Kelly Smith (anniversary)
Pastor Angelo & Debbie Bonacquisti (anniversary) |
| July 14
Eli Jones
Peggy Messer | July 22
Kayla Peterman
John & Deb Wooten (anniversary)
Alexie Smith | July 28
Marisa McGuire |
| July 15
Seriana Carpenter
Julia Jackson
Courtney Jones | | July 30
Spencer Kulwicki |

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

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: KIDS LOVE — GUM

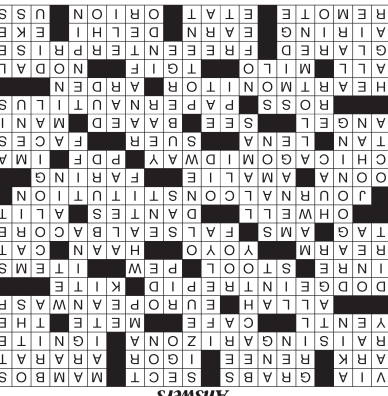
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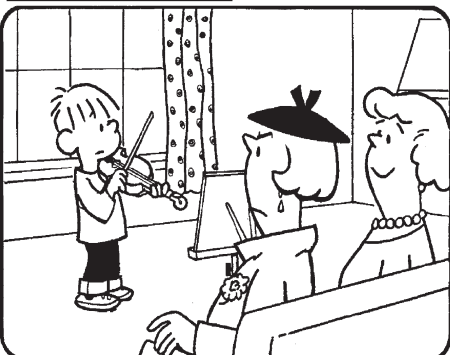
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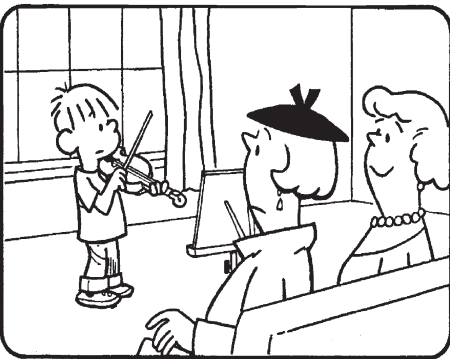


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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sleeve is shorter. 2. Pants are missing. 3. Drapes is different. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Neckline is lower.

Super Crossword

NINE FLEET

ACROSS

- 1 By means of
- 4 Seizes suddenly
- 9 Niche religion
- 13 Cousins of rumbas
- 19 Noah's craft
- 20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"
- 21 Assistant of Frankenstein
- 22 Mount where the 19-Across landed
- 23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter
- 26 Set fire to
- 27 Streisand musical film
- 28 Diner relative
- 29 Portion (out)
- 31 Part of "GWTW"
- 32 Mosque God
- 35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect
- 39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan
- 43 Thing to fly in the wind
- 44 Pertaining to
- 45 Seat in a bar
- 46 Seat in a church
- 48 Things

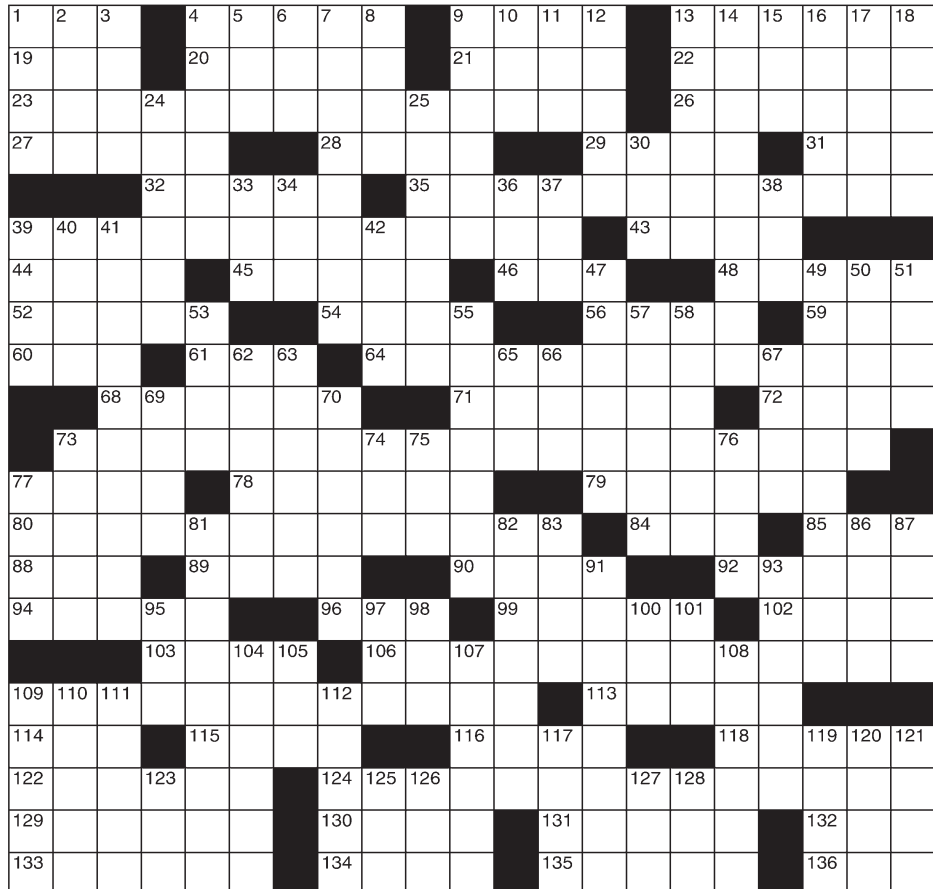
- 52 Give new weapons to
- 54 Fluctuate wildly
- 56 Cole — (shoe brand)
- 59 Curious pet
- 60 Gift label
- 61 Pro- — (some tours)
- 64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna"
- 68 "Them's the breaks!"
- 71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"
- 72 Came to rest
- 73 Atlanta daily since 2001
- 77 "Game of Thrones" actress
- 78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital)
- 79 Turning out
- 80 Windy City airport
- 84 Adobe Acrobat file
- 85 "— believer"
- 88 Almond-hued
- 89 Actress Olin
- 90 Plaintiff
- 92 Turns toward
- 94 Darling child

- 96 Perceive
- 99 Imitated a sheep
- 102 — -pedi
- 103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana
- 106 Small, floating cephalopod
- 109 Device used in cardiology
- 113 Actress Eve
- 114 Everything
- 115 Venus de —
- 116 9-to-5er's shout
- 118 Of a junction point
- 122 Gazed angrily
- 124 Principle of capitalism
- 129 Showing on TV
- 130 Work to make
- 131 Second-largest city of India
- 132 — out a win (just prevail)
- 133 Distant
- 134 Californie, par exemple
- 135 Stellar hunter
- 136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle

- 2 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
- 3 Similar
- 4 Car radiator covering
- 5 Toon pal of Simpy
- 6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee
- 7 Plastic pail or shovel, say
- 8 Toxin fighters
- 9 Form a rough judgment of
- 10 Vanity
- 11 With
- 15-Down, flimflamming guy
- 12 "Lady and the —"
- 13 Rum cocktail
- 14 Evita's land
- 15 See 11-Down
- 16 Big name in faucet filters
- 17 Solemn vows
- 18 Expensive
- 24 Veteran
- 25 Casual statement of sympathy
- 30 Comic shriek
- 33 Fleur-de- — (iris)
- 34 Kitchen pest
- 36 Fabric flaw
- 37 Bardic verse
- 38 Rainy
- 39 Juicy gossip

- 40 Draft-eligible
- 41 Coercing
- 42 Edifice
- 47 "Let's suppose ..."
- 49 Like the study of habitats
- 50 County in the Bay Area
- 51 "Undo" mark
- 53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania
- 55 Info that's not up to date
- 57 Pub spigot
- 58 Preposterous
- 62 Domestic household
- 63 Hit hard, as the brakes
- 65 Airline to Copenhagen
- 66 Apnea-treating doc
- 67 Abel's brother
- 69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s
- 70 Petting zoo animals
- 73 2008-12 Mets pitcher
- 74 Roman 151
- 75 Suffix with planet
- 76 Petty quarrel
- 77 Eight: Prefix
- 81 Doled-out share

- 82 French inn
- 83 2021 is one
- 86 Diner list
- 87 Sale rack caveat
- 91 Pursued speedily
- 93 Key related to C major
- 95 Bungle
- 97 Lead-in to center or dermis
- 98 Do lunch
- 100 Gift for music
- 101 Clunker
- 104 Wee bit
- 105 Note above fa
- 107 Very strong
- 108 One of a bowler's targets
- 109 "Horrible" cartoon Viking
- 110 Actress Kemper
- 111 Fire alert
- 112 Credit card lure
- 117 — -Chinese
- 119 God, to Gigi
- 120 Inquires
- 121 Some blue jeans
- 123 Brazilian city, in brief
- 125 Hamelin pest
- 126 Slice of time
- 127 Yale attendee
- 128 Pi-sigma link



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FIRE: Construction and use of new training facility planned as early as late summer

“The walls within the structure are all moveable and you can change the configuration of it so they don’t get used to a specific layout,” Sawlsville said. “Those are all requirements from the state fire marshal that we’re supposed to train on annually. This is going to address a lot of those things that we can’t always train on. We had a kitchen fire last week and it went so smoothly. It was a beautiful thing to watch. The guys came out and said, ‘We just trained on this last week.’ You could see their confidence levels allowing them to be a little more aggressive because they were comfortable and had trained

Along with serving local fire personnel that struggle at times to find good training locations, the facility is planned to serve other entities in the region including law enforcement, electrical linemen, other City of Rochelle departments and possibly railroad

Sawsville called the potential of the site years down the road "tremendous" for more entities than local fire personnel. The idea of having a pole-climbing school for linemen at the site has been discussed. Sawsville has talked to the Illinois State Police about placing its mobile training unit there. He's also talked to Kishwaukee College about it being the home of KEC's

A 3D rendering of a red shipping container with a wooden deck and metal railings, situated in a grassy field with trees and mountains in the background. A large black rectangular object is on the deck.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The property is approximately 12.06 acres and is currently vacant land that was donated to the city in 2020. The project will be done in phases as money becomes

multi-use and the potential, there's probably stuff that we haven't even thought of yet that can go

On the OLFPD personnel side, Sawlsville said those paid on-call firefighters will not have to go as far for training, as the Rochelle site will be set up. That will be beneficial for those firefighters that have full-time jobs to have

Split 50-50 between the city
have the chance to get

Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said that the training facility could potentially be a revenue generator for the city if it sees a lot of use by other agencies. But for city departments specifically, he spoke of the purpose it will serve for training

and repetition and keeping employees safe.

"I've got a list of five or

and this is getting pretty high on that list,” Fiegen-schuh said. “Because I see the potential. And I love the collaboration. We have a really good relationship with the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District and I think that we’ve worked very well with them and the council has been involved in it and supportive of it. I do think there’s a lot of positive collaboration that’s taken place and it



(COURTESY PH

The Board of Trustees at Rochelle Community Hospital has named Karen Tracy as its new CEO effective July 1, an RCH press release said.

RCH names Tracy as chief executive officer

ROCHELLE — The Board of Trustees at Rochelle Community Hospital has named Karen Tracy as its new chief executive officer effective July 1, an

Tracy brings 31 years of steady growth and increased responsibility during her time with RCH. She has been a registered nurse for 32 years, a member of the administrative team for 20 years and has served as second in command to the

Tracy has been actively responsible for quality process improvement and risk management functions 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 expanded and improved

tion. Tracy researched and implemented the Corporate Compliance Program for RCH and expanded case management to improve continuity to the patients on the medical surgical floor. 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 and emergency services; 2016 health and wellness center and 2023 XCEL

“We are pleased with our decision to promote Karen to CEO,” ,” Noah Carmichael, chairman of the board of trustees for RCH, said. “She is the right choice for RCH and our community. We look



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BEATING THE BUZZER

Game winning goal highlights Piloni's senior soccer season at UW-Stevens Point.

See page 2 for more details

Rochelle Little League

All-Stars take the field

12U baseball team holds District 19 tournament opener on Thursday evening

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars opened the District 19 Championship tournament with a 12-2 win over Freeport on Thursday. Rochelle will advance to play in the winner's bracket finals against either Rock Falls or Sterling.

Gabe Bybee started on the mound for the Rochelle All-Stars, striking out two batters in the top of the first inning and setting the Freeport All-Stars down in order. Rochelle tallied two runs in the bottom of the first inning, scoring after Nolan Zick laced a lead-off single and Riley Smith drew a one-out walk. Both runners moved around the bases and scored on wild pitches.

Rochelle blew the game open in the bottom of the second inning, rallying for nine runs on four hits including a three-run triple from Mikey Chadwick and a two-run triple from Joey Chadwick. Elijah Good sparked the nine-run frame with a bases-loaded walk and Zick followed with an RBI single into center

field. Vaughn Manning added a two-out single in the second inning for the Rochelle All-Stars, who retired the Freeport All-Stars in order to start the second inning.

Trailing 11-0, Freeport avoided the shutout with two runs in the top of the third inning, scoring on an error and a wild pitch. Bybee threw three innings for the Rochelle All-Stars, striking out six batters and holding Freeport to two hits to earn the win. Manning tossed the final inning of relief and added one strikeout for the Rochelle All-Stars, who scored the final run of the game after slapping three singles, including an RBI single from Bybee, in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Zick went 2-for-2 with two runs in the game, while Mikey Chadwick finished with three RBIs. Joey Chadwick totaled two runs and two RBIs and Manning scored two runs for Rochelle.

Declan McKinney and Jasper Macklin each walked and scored one run to help pace the Rochelle offense in the victory Thursday evening at Floyd J. Tilton Park.



The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars downed Freeport 12-2 on Thursday. At left, Mikey Chadwick digs in at the plate. At right, left-hander Vaughn Manning fires a pitch toward home plate.

Rochelle Little League

(COURTESY PHOTO)



First State Bank wins 2023 Major League softball regular season championship

Congratulations to First State Bank on winning the 2023 Rochelle Little League Major League softball regular season championship. The team finished the season with a 9-1 overall record. The team includes Ella Behrens, Annaliese Cox, Savannah Goodrich, Elise Hardcastle, Makenzie Johnson, Neveah Lira, Mya Martinez, Helen Miller, Sofia Reynolds, Mayson Smardo, Grace Spartz and Makayla Waters. The team is coached by Kevin and Lori Behrens.



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Former Rochelle soccer standout Olivia Piloni scored two goals, including a game winner, during her senior season at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Game winner caps Piloni's senior season at UWSP

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

A scoreless match between Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Wisconsin-Whitewater entered the final minute as former Rochelle Lady Hub soccer standout Olivia Piloni moved on the attack.

With only seconds remaining between the two conference foes, Piloni saw a rare opportunity to score from her usual defensive position. After Piloni drew a foul near the midfield line, teammate Lauren Johnson blasted a free kick deep into the Wisconsin-Whitewater defensive zone. The kick found another teammate, Kati Friedrich, who headed the ball across goal toward Piloni, who booted the ball into the net with less than two seconds remaining on the scoreboard.

The last-second goal enabled the Pointers to secure a 1-0 victory over the Warhawks as well as their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win of the 2023 season. It was the fourth career collegiate goal for Piloni, who recently wrapped up her four-year soccer career at Wisconsin-Stevens Point after enjoying a successful career at Rochelle Township High School.

"I wasn't expecting that at all and it was crazy because the time ran out and everybody on our team came off the bench and made a dogpile on the field," Piloni said. "That was definitely a moment that I'll never forget. My senior season was definitely different from my other seasons. I really wanted to focus on being in a good place and enjoying the last of me playing this sport."

Piloni notched two goals during her senior season with the Pointers, who went

7-9-4 and concluded their 2022 campaign in the semifinal round of the WIAC Championship tournament. The RTHS alum played in all 20 matches and started 18 matches, logging 1,162 total minutes. Piloni also scored two goals during her junior season in 2021, where she appeared in 20 matches with 15 starts. Piloni, who lost her sophomore season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, concluded her four-year career with 50 starts over 59 matches and nearly 4,400 minutes played.

"I got a lot of playing time, but my favorite part about being on the team was the friendships I made during my career," Piloni said. "I put a lot of stress on myself on the field and my goal for this season was to prioritize my health and go back to the basics of just enjoying the game. With that, my confidence on the field grew and I became less worried about my performance."

Piloni moved between center back and defensive center midfielder, two positions she excelled at during her high school career with the Lady Hubs, throughout her collegiate career with the Pointers. Piloni, who recently graduated and earned her bachelor's degree in interior design and architecture, helped lead the Pointers to 27 victories during the course of her four-year career.

"I was put in an attacking position during my senior season at Rochelle," Piloni said. "I think I'm a defensive player at my core and I played a lot of defense during my time at Stevens Point. Having the experience of being an attacker gave me the versatility and the confidence to be able to play in any spot. I'm going to miss the experience of having people in the stands and I'm going to miss my teammates the most because they helped me have the best time possible."

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NIU Athletics

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DEKALB — Do you have ideas on how to help make the game day experience at Northern Illinois University athletics events more enjoyable for fans? Can you contribute time and energy to helping provide a championship level experience? Are you willing to assist with outreach efforts and help grow Huskie Nation? Or do you know an individual who can make a difference?

NIU Athletics is seeking motivated and engaged fans to provide insight and more as volunteers on the newly reconstituted Huskie Fan Advisory Board. The Board will meet quarterly with NIU Athletics administrators and participate in revenue generation and game day experience initiatives. Fans can apply or nominate an individual.

To apply, complete the form by clicking here or on the link above. Applications are due by Monday, July 24; selected members will be contacted in August and the group will convene this fall.

Applications are open to all with the goal to select a board with representation from current and former season ticket members, alumni, current NIU students, faculty and staff, donors, former and current student-athletes, members of the business and local community or anyone with an interest in helping NIU Athletics to grow and move forward. Originated in 2017, the Huskie Fan Advisory Board is being reactivated after a dormant period caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Football season ticket prices for NIU's six-game

home schedule in 2023 are on sale now, beginning from as little as \$97 annually for general admission (East Side) tickets with payment plans still available. Reserved seat pricing on the West Side is \$144 (sections A, B, F) and \$162 (sections C, D, E) annually. Purchase four season tickets with Huskie Family 4 Pack (participants do not have to be related) for even greater discounts. To review all the ticket options, including a new West Side general admission section, go to NIUHuskies.com/tickets or call 815-753-PACK (7225).

Through the new Build Your Membership plan, NIU fans can customize their game day experience by adding parking, hospitality passes and more to their season ticket orders on an a la carte basis. Premium

seating opportunities — including in the chairback section and the SkyBox — are available. Find information on the opportunity to Build Your Membership or to directly support NIU Football through the Huskie Athletic Fund click here.

NIU fans can still purchase tickets to the road games at Boston College and at Nebraska through the Huskie Ticket Office. Ticket price for the game at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill, Mass. is \$20 while Nebraska game tickets are \$55 each. Tickets can be mailed for a \$5 fee.

They can be picked up at the Huskie Athletics Ticket Office in the NIU Convocation Center beginning three weeks prior to the game until the Thursday before the game, or at the stadium on game day.

Forge Wrestling Club



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Cammyla Macias competed in the 2023 Midwest Nationals, medaling in fifth place.

Macias medals at Midwest Nationals

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

(9-4 decision).

BLOOMINGTON — Eight Forge Wrestling Club athletes including Rochelle Township High School student-athlete Cammyla Macias competed in the 2023 Midwest Nationals at the Shirk Center in Bloomington from July 1-2. Macias earned a fifth-place medal in the Girls 9th & 10th Grade 110-123 Division with a 3-2 record, notching falls over Hammond Bishop Noll's Lupe Olea and Highland Bulldog Jr. Wrestling's Ayla Rushing and Republic West's Anna McBroom.

Landon Kenney medaled in second place in the Boys 9th & 10th Grade 140-148 Division with a 3-1 record, winning his first three bouts against Westville's Ty McMasters (fall), Gibson City M-S's Corbin Ragle (4-0 decision) and PSF Wrestling Academy's Kobey Elkins

Zyan Westbrook medaled in fourth place in the Boys 9th & 10th Grade 117-125 Division with a 4-2 record. Westbrook scored a first-round fall over PAC's Myles Giliham as well as falls over Streator's Jesus Martinez and The Compound's Nolan Lowe. Westbrook edged Alber Athletics' Landon Blanton with a 5-4 decision in the consolation semifinals to reach the fifth-place bout.

Anthony Bauer medaled in fourth place in the Boys 11th & 12th Grade 162-169 Division with a 3-2 record, defeating Clifton Central's Maxwell Joseph (fall), Robinson's Kahne Hyre (fall) and Ft. Zumwalt Wrestling's Jeric Gumahin (fall). Other Forge athletes who competed include Landyn Windham (1-2 record at 11th & 12th Boys 170-179 Division), Jacksyn Windham, Ethan Mowry and Landon Heckman.

T-Byrd Lanes



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Henderson takes fourth at Illinois Pepsi USBC State Championship

Local bowler Giuliana Henderson represented T-Byrd Lanes in the 2023 Illinois Pepsi USBC State Championship tournament at Western Bowl in Champaign. Henderson finished fourth in the U8 Girls Division with a three-game total of 299 and earned \$440 in scholarship money toward her future. Henderson has been bowling in the T-Byrd Lanes youth program for the last several years. Above is a now-and-then comparison.

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F. RASMUSSEN, de-
ceased
No. 0712
(July 2, 9 and 16, 2023)

**HEADING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**
On Annual Budget and
Appropriation
Ordinance of
Creston-Dement Public
Library District
Notice is hereby given
to the Public that on
August 15, 2023, at the
hour of 6:30 PM at the
Creston-Dement Public
Library, 107 South Main
Street, Creston, Illinois,
a public hearing will
be held on the annual
Budget and Appropria-
tion Ordinance for the
Creston-Dement Public

Library District for the
fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2023 and end-
ing June 30, 2024. Any
person interested in the
budget and ordinance
may be present at said
time and place and may
be heard regarding the
budget and ordinance.
The tentative budget
is now on file with the
Secretary of the Board
of Trustees, Cres-
ton-Dement Public Li-
brary District, at the Li-
brary office and may be
reviewed upon request
prior to said hearing by
the Public.
Dated this 30th day of
June, 2023.
Secretary, Board of
Trustees
Creston-Dement Public
Library District
107 South Main Street
Creston, IL 60113
(815)384-3111
No. 0717
(July 9, 2023)

NOTICE
Public notice is hereby
given that the proposed
Combined Annual
Budget and Appropria-
tion Ordinance of the
FLAGG-ROCHELLE
COMMUNITY PARK
DISTRICT, Ogle Coun-
ty, Illinois, for the fiscal
year beginning May 1,
2023, and ending April
30, 2024, will be avail-
able for public inspec-
tion at the Flagg-Ro-
chelle Community Park
District Office, 802
Jones Road, Rochelle,
IL. Notice is further giv-
en that a public hearing
on the adoption of said
proposed Combined
Annual Budget and
Appropriation Ordi-
nance will be held at
The REC Center, 802
Jones Road, Rochelle,
IL, on Monday, August
21, 2023 at 6:15pm
FLAGG-ROCHELLE
COMMUNITY PARK
DISTRICT By /s/ BT
Carmichael, Secretary
No. 0718
(July 9, 2023)

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 Ore-
gon, 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 at-
torneys 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
Ogle County Court-
house, Oregon, IL
61061, or with the rep-
resentative, or both, no
later than January 10,
2024, and any claim
not filed within that pe-
riod is barred. Copies
of a claim filed with the
Clerk must be mailed
or delivered to the rep-
resentative 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)

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ORDINANCE #23-01 Final Draft

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAID ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE-OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District.

Section 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,238,550.00) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Ashton Fire Protection District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Fund	Account	Description:	2023-24 Budget
<u>Fire Fund – (01):</u>			
<u>Income & Revenue:</u>			
01	300	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$148,324
01	310	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	34,960
01	320	Comptroller – Corporate Replacement Tax	9,000
01	330	Interest	600
01	360	Insurance	0
01	370	Miscellaneous Income (Rent)	150,000
01	380	Tollway	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2023			458,403
Total Estimated Budget Funds			\$801,287
<u>Expenses:</u>			
01	500	Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	120,000
01	505	Capital Equipment – Vehicle	200,000
01	506	Future Building Expenditures	350,000
01	507	Future Capital Expenditure – Vehicle	0
01	510	Vehicle Expense	15,000
01	520	Building Repairs & Maint.	10,000
01	530	Comm. Equip - Repairs & Maint	8,000
01	535	Equipment Repairs & Maint.	15,000
01	540	Training	6,000
01	550	Trustee Compensation	3,000
01	560	Firefighter Compensation	27,000
01	565	Firefighter Physicals	2,000
01	570	Insurance General Liability & Property	15,000
01	580	Misc. Contingency Fund	7,000
01	590	Legal	1,000
01	610	Social Security Taxes(Payroll taxes)	10,000
01	620	Publishing & Printing	3,500
01	630	Bookkeeping	4,000
01	640	Telephone	7,500
01	650	Utilities	8,000
01	665	Office Expense	2,500
01	670	Travel	2,000
01	675	Meals	1,000
01	695	Bank Charges	50
01	900	Contingencies	1,000
Total - Fire Fund:			\$818,550
<u>Ambulance Fund – (02):</u>			
<u>Income & Revenue:</u>			
02	700	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$96,925
02	710	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	22,756
02	720	Interest	7,200
02	760	Ambulance Fees	15,000
Cash on hand, May 1, 2023			756,756
Total Estimated Budget Funds			\$898,637
<u>Expenses:</u>			
02	800	Future Capital Outlay – Equip (Ambulance)	0
02	805	Capital Outlay - Small Equipment	100,000
02	810	Vehicle Expense (gas/oil)	10,000
02	815	Ambulance Supplies	18,000
02	820	Building Expense - repair, maint, rent	150,000
02	825	Ambulance Intercepts	25,000
02	830	EMT/Firefighter Compensation	30,000
02	835	Equipment Repairs Maintenance	10,000
02	840	Training	10,000
02	850	Bookkeeping	15,000
02	880	Contingency Fund	2,000
02	890	Miscellaneous	12,000
Total - Ambulance Fund:			\$382,000
<u>Tort Fund – (03):</u>			
<u>Income & Revenue:</u>			
03	200	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$0
03	210	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	0
03	220	Interest	250
Cash on hand, May 1, 2023			51,211
Total Estimated Budget Funds			\$51,461
<u>Expenses:</u>			
03	250	Liability Insurance	\$10,000
03	255	Miscellaneous	7,000
Total - Tort Fund:			\$17,000
<u>Workers' Compensation Fund – (04)</u>			
<u>Income & Revenue:</u>			
04	400	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$14,977
04	410	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	3,416
04	420	Interest	250
Cash on hand, May 1, 2023			82,053
Total Estimated Budget Funds			\$100,696
<u>Expenses:</u>			
04	450	Insurance	\$9,000
04	455	Claims Expense	0
04	460	Workers Comp Physicals	0
Total - Workers' Comp Fund			\$9,000
<u>Audit Fund – (05)</u>			
<u>Income & Revenue:</u>			
05	600	Lee County Real Estate Taxes	\$2,488
05	610	Ogle County Real Estate Taxes	583
05	620	Interest	0
Cash on hand, May 1, 2023			18
Total Estimated Budget Funds			\$3,089
<u>Expenses:</u>			
05	650	Audit Fees	\$12,000
05	655	Reserve	0
Total - Audit Fund:			\$12,000
<u>Summary :</u>			
01	General Corporate Expenditure (Fire Fund)		\$818,550
02	Ambulance Fund		382,000
03	Tort Fund		17,000
04	Workers' Compensation Fund		9,000
05	Audit Fund		12,000
Total Expenditures - All Funds:			1,238,550

That the foregoing shall constitute the annual budget for the Ashton Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023. As part of the annual budget, it is stated:

A.	Statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:	\$1,348,441
B.	Estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:	\$356,729
C.	Estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:	\$1,238,550
D.	Statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:	\$466,620
E.	Estimate of the amount of taxes to be received by the Fire District:	\$323,539

Section 2. That all unexpected balances of any item or items or any general appropriation made in this ordinance be expected in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made in this ordinance.


Section 3. That all unexpected balances from annual appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated.

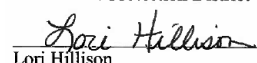
Section 4. That the validity of any item or section of this ordinance shall not effect the validity of the whole or any part thereof.

Section 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: July 3, 2023 APPROVED: July 3, 2023


Clifford Jones
President of the Board of Trustees
Ashton Fire Protection District

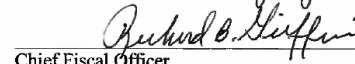

Lori Hillison
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Ashton Fire Protection District

**CERTIFIED ESTIMATE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE
OF THE ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF LEE AND OGLE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

The undersigned, Chief Fiscal Officer, of the Ashton Fire Protection District of Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenues by source or anticipated to be received by said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinance as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document, is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of (35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Ashton Fire Protection District of Lec and Ogle Counties, Illinois. This certification must be filed within 30 days after the adoption of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

Dated this 3rd day of July 2023


Chief Fiscal Officer

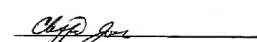
**CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND
CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATES OF REVENUES BY SOURCE OF THE
ASHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

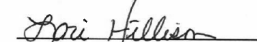
The undersigned, duly elected, qualified and acting President of the Ashton Fire Protection District does hereby certify that hereto is a true and correct copy of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance of the said District for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024, as adopted this 3rd day of July, 2023.

The undersigned, Board Secretary, of the Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois, does hereby certify that the Estimates of Revenues by Source or anticipated amount to be received be said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinances as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document is a true statement of said estimate.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements and on behalf of The Ashton Fire Protection District, Lee County, IL.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2023


President


Board Secretary

Filed this _____ day of _____, 2023

County Clerk

No. 0726
(July 9, 2023)

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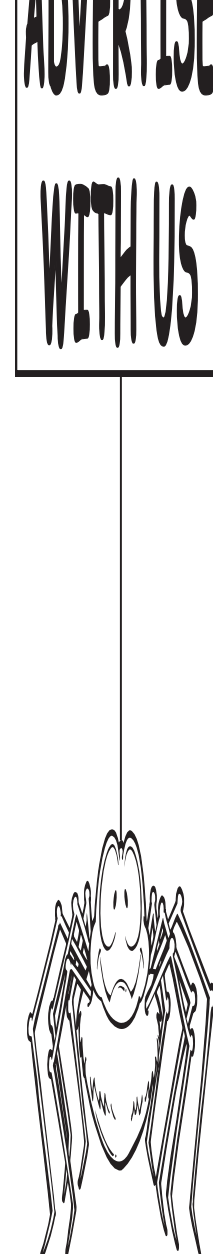
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choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.



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SPORTS

Rochelle Little League

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Golden K wins 2023 Minor League softball regular season championship

Congratulations to Golden K on winning the 2023 Rochelle Little League Minor League softball regular season championship. The team finished with a perfect 10-0 record this season. The team includes Nadia Esparza, Stella Esparza, Jaelyn Gonzales, Annalyce Harris, Zoey Harris, Isabel Jackson, Kate Keller, Madelynn McRoberts, Florence Millard and Grace Olson. The team is coached by Kristi Gonzales, Johnny Gonzales, Erick Olson and Adaleiah Villalobos.

NIU Football

Single-game tickets for 2023 season now available

Huskie football team returning several starting players from 2022 campaign

DEKALB — Single game tickets for all six Northern Illinois University home football games at Huskie Stadium this fall go on sale on Wednesday, July 5 at 10 a.m. with four-game "Pick Your Pack" mini-plans also available.

While the deadline for returning season ticket members to renew and retain their seats for 2023 is Friday, June 30, season tickets remain on sale and provide the best overall value at as little as \$17 per game for general admission seating on the West Side of Huskie Stadium (\$102 total). Sit in the same reserved seat for all six games for just \$144 (sections A, B, F) or \$162 (sections C, D, E).

Buy season tickets now anytime, online at niuhuskies.com/myhuskies or by calling the NIU Athletics Ticket Office at 815-753-PACK (7225). Calls received outside of business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm CT) will be returned the next business day.

Single game tickets purchased in advance for NIU's Saturday games versus Southern Illinois (Sept. 9), Tulsa (Sept. 23), the 116th Homecoming game versus Ohio (Oct. 14) and Eastern Michigan (Oct. 21) are priced at \$38 and \$33 on the West and East Sides of Huskie Stadium, respectively. Tickets purchased either online or in person on the day of the game are \$5 more (\$43 West/\$38 East). In addition, fans who purchase tickets at Huskie Stadium on game day will be assigned the best seats available in the section of their choice but will not be able to select specific seats.

Advance ticket prices for NIU's MAction games versus Ball State on Tues-

day, Nov. 7 and Western Michigan on Tuesday, Nov. 14 are \$23 (West Side) and \$18 (East Side) and are priced at \$28 and \$23, respectively, on game day. As there is no charge for parking.

NIU is offering two "Pick Your Pack" mini-plan options in 2023. The Saturday only Pack includes a ticket to all four Saturday games in the same West Side reserved seat in section C, D and E — situated between the 25-yard lines — for \$150. The MAction/Saturday combo Pack includes the Tuesday night MAction games versus MAC West foes Ball State and Western Michigan, as well as any two Saturday games, including the Homecoming game on Oct. 14 at a price of \$115. "Pick Your Pack" beginning on Wednesday, July 5 at 10 a.m. For the MAction/Saturday Pick Your Pack, call 815-753-PACK (7225) or



email huskiestickets@niu.edu to select your Saturday games.

The 2023 NIU Huskies open the season on Sat-

urday, Sept. 2 at Boston College before making their Huskie Stadium debut on Saturday, Sept. 9 versus Southern Illinois.

NIU returns 17 starters in 2023, including eight on offense, including 2021 MAC Championship quarterback Rocky Lombardi

and 2021 all-conference wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph. The Huskies open preseason camp on Monday, July 31.



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