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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

DRA honors longtime businesses 'As you get into business, you just keep going...'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Longtime downtown businesses and their owners were recognized Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Downtown Rochelle Association. The night at VFW Post 3878 featured dinner and special guest speakers.

DRA President Nathan Uhl of blueflamedecor, LLC led the meeting. Five businesses were honored Tuesday and photos and memorabilia were provided by the Flagg Township Museum on their history and history of the downtown as a whole.

Aldo's Pizzeria and Italian Restaurant was established in 1979. Owner Aldo Barone received a plaque Tuesday and he made a speech. He spoke about the importance of experienced small business owners and called it an honor to be among them on Tuesday.

"The downtown is a big ship," Barone said. "I've learned that it takes more than one anchor to hold down a big ship. We're very proud to be a part of that. What an amazing achievement for all of these people and all of the decades that they've been



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Colonial Flowers and Gifts was established in 1968. Owner Naomi Baldwin played a large part in organizing the event Tuesday and has worked over decades on improving and promoting Rochelle's downtown. Uhl said she's held the downtown and the DRA together over the years.

"I started working at Colonial Flowers in November 1968 and I've been there ever since," Baldwin said. "I love the downtown. I thank the city

because the downtown the last couple of years has been absolutely beautiful. I'm always trying to get more and more people to join the downtown and our association is great and I love seeing everybody here."

Quinn's Jewelry was established in 1963. Owner Marvin Quinn spoke Tuesday and said it takes everyone to stick together for a downtown to be successful. He talked about sharing advice with and collaborating with owner downtown business owners over the years.

"It takes going to other

businesses downtown and talking with them," Quinn said. "I had people that helped me. It takes everybody. Lou Moore of True Value told me once that business owners need to stick together and help one another to have a downtown. That's what it takes, all of us to work together."

Velma Quinn was also honored for her years working in retail at the shop. Quinn said she worked in retail all her life up until her retirement. She is 95 years old.

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Board approves health insurance renewal 2023-24 budget hearing scheduled for Sept. 12

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle School District 231 Board of Education approved its health insurance renewal plan during its monthly meeting at Lincoln Elementary School on Tuesday evening. The health insurance plan renewal includes a 4 percent increase for health insurance and a 4.7 percent increase for dental insurance for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

"Both of those numbers are under 5 percent, which according to our collective bargaining agreement, means that the district will pick up the first 5 percent and after that, it will be a shared cost to the teachers," Rochelle School District 231 Superintendent Jason Harper said.

Budget

The board will hold a public hearing for the 2023-24 fiscal year budget on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5:50 p.m. The proposed 2023-24 budget is now on display in the district

office and will remain on display for the required 30 days prior to the official hearing and adoption. The board will also review the proposed budget during next month's regular board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Personnel

The board approved the resignations of Edna Vazquez (bilingual interventionist at Lincoln School), Meghan Fletcher

(third-grade teacher at Central School), Teresa Bullock (cafeteria at Lincoln School) and Stacey Hicks (paraprofessional at Lincoln School).

The board also approved the employment of Aimee Hayes (special education teacher at Tilton School), Summer Linboom (substitute teacher as needed), Hayley Suarez (substitute paraprofessional), Emily Lopez-Perez (paraprofessional at

Stepping Stones), Sandra Barnes (paraprofessional at Tilton School) and Christie Billeter (noon supervisor half-time). The board approved family leave for Susan King (beginning Aug. 15, 2023) and Stephanie Dillon (fall semester 2023).

Salary increase

After meeting in closed session, the board approved a salary increase for non-certified staff.



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A food truck party was recently held at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle. **Page 2**

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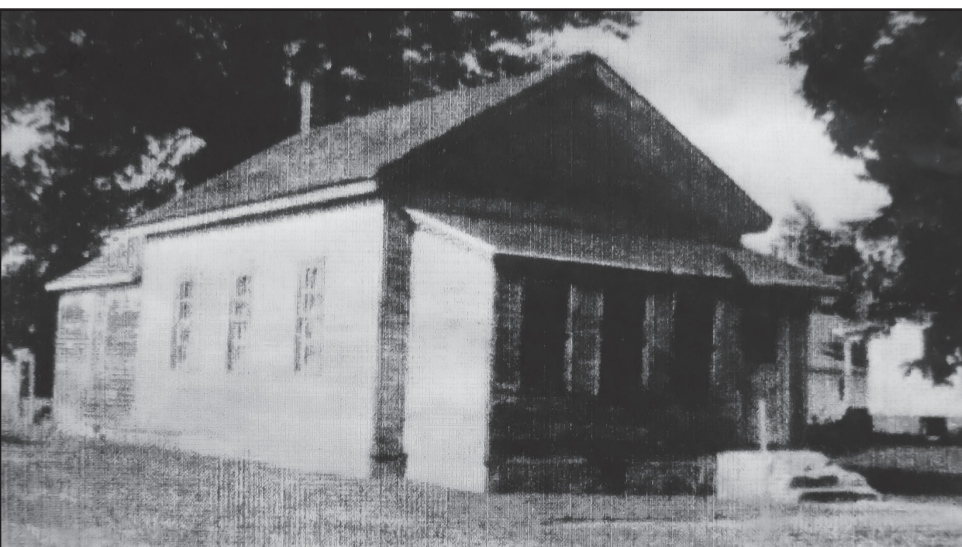


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LOCAL NEWS



Kings School alumni picnic scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27

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Kings School is having an Alumni Picnic. We are celebrating over 140 years of educating students. It is open to all current and former Kings School students or staff and their families. We are providing one grilled pork chop with bun, potato salad, coleslaw and cake. We ask everyone to bring their own table service and non-alcoholic drink, a dish of their choice to share, and lawn chairs. And bring memories and any memorabilia they would like to share. It will be held at Kings Consolidated School, 100 First St., Kings, IL, Sunday, Aug. 27, 12:30-5 p.m. If anyone would like to donate money for our event, there are several posters around the area that give information where to donate.

Kish College Board of Trustees unanimously approves support staff contract

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted to approve a four-year contract with the Kishwaukee Council of Support Staff (KCSS) Union during the May 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

The negotiating team utilized Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB), a negotiating strategy that

focuses on developing mutually-agreeable solutions to issues brought up by both parties. The college has used IBB since 2016. Members of the KCSS team included Eric Hermann, application programmer; Phil Wilson, maintenance helper; and Michael Ebner, application programmer. Members of the administration

team included Cindy McCluskey, executive director of human resources & labor relations; R.J. McGarry, executive director of campus operations & technology; and Tina Swiger, executive director of human resources.

"No negotiations are ever easy, but I'm pleased with how we were able to work together to find

common ground and arrive at a deal that both sides found beneficial. I look forward to working with the College in the future and continuing to represent the concerns and interests of our members," Hermann said.

Highlights of the new collective bargaining agreement include increased support staff com-

pensation and expanded leave time. Negotiations took place starting in early March through late April.

"We are proud of the agreement we were able to reach after several weeks of good-faith negotiations. Reaching a successful agreement in such a short time speaks to the good working relationship between the College and the KCSS Union as we continue to make Kishwaukee College a great place to work and learn," McCluskey said.

Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College, commended both teams for their efforts to reach an agreement.

"Support staff are integral to the mission and vision of Kishwaukee College. We greatly appreciate the collaboration on this new contract to support the best interests of the college and the entire Kish community," Dr. Borowicz said.

The contract is effective July 1 through June 30, 2027.

Rochelle Community Hospital

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- Giveaways & Games



Food Truck Party at Faith Lutheran Church VBS

"Food Truck Party - On a Roll With God" was the theme of Vacation Bible School at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle during the week of June 19-23. Nearly 50 area youngsters spent four mornings at Faith participating in music, crafts, story time, games and Christian fellowship centered around the theme of food. The big purple food truck, complete with a menu board and a DJ named "Cupcake" was a featured item as each day began with songs, skits, and video bible stories about food. It was a great week of fun and friendship for all!

Harvey & Mary Folkerts

Celebrating 65 Years

Harvey & Mary Folkerts will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with a family celebration on July 22nd & 23rd. They were married on August 3, 1958 in Eagle Grove, Iowa. They have 4 children: Michelle (Scott) Triggs, Debbie (Mike) Vrana, Michael (Jane) Folkerts & Janine (Ken) LeMar; 9 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren. Harvey taught English at Estherville, Harlan & Rochelle High Schools for 35 years. Mary stayed home to raise their 4 children & worked part-time at RTHS, Steward Elementary School & Del Monte. They still reside in Rochelle.

HAPPY Anniversary

LOCAL NEWS

HILLCREST: Potter appointed as village board vice president

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Hillcrest got back in compliance by mixing water from that well and its other well, but agreed to rectify the issue permanently in the future with an additional source of water or treatment.

A water main break occurred in July 2018 that caused the village to run out of and shut off water to homes while repairs took place. That further pushed Hillcrest to look at its aging water system, Wright said. In January 2019, the village tasked Baxter & Woodman with looking at addressing the system as a whole along with other infrastructure like roads and sewer.

“We ended up designing a well, a shallow well, a water treatment plant, a water treatment plant sewers and an elevated tank as well as new water mains throughout town,” Wright said. “In April 2020, Hillcrest requested that work stop due to the community’s financial hardships from COVID-19.”

Wright said the priority 1A water main project remained in plans, but will not resolve the nitrate issue with the IEPA, which would only be solved by drilling a new well or connecting with Rochelle Municipal Utilities water. The village has looked in the past at the abandoned asphalt plant site in Hillcrest for a new well, which the IEPA would allow after determining it’s not contaminated.

“There are five options to get in compliance from the nitrate issue,” Wright said. “Drilling a shallow

well and drilling a deep well are the first two. The other three options relate to connecting to RMU. One would be an emergency connection. The others would be to act as a retail or wholesale customer to RMU. We can provide complete cost breakdowns for each one of those.”

Village President Rick Rhoads expressed a desire to take a look at cost numbers in the next month. He said he’s never been against having an emergency connection with RMU and suggested he and Village Water Trustee Dan Potter meet with RMU in the future. The village would see a cost to construct that connection to RMU’s system.

In the past, the village also looked at reconstructing roads and doing sewer work when it put in new water mains, but it was decided that Hillcrest could not take on the cost. The current water main project design only includes work in the parkways and will not impact streets.

“I found memos from soil boring completed back in 2011 in the village that showed the roads have really no subgrade,” Wright said. “Which is why you’re seeing what you’ve been seeing with road deterioration. Really the only way to resolve that long-term is a full reconstruction. I know I’m throwing a lot at you, but hopefully once I get you all the information you can get comfortable with all of the decisions that were made to date and then we can move forward.”



The board approved the appointment of Dan Potter as village board vice president. The move was made so the village would have a designated trustee to lead meetings in the case of President Rick Rhoads’ absence.

Water tower

After experiencing a leak in its water tower last month, Potter said Wednesday that Hillcrest is still working on getting Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group to the village to repair it.

The cost for the leak repair will be \$26,605 and Pittsburg will be performing some of the other work to the tower it recommended in the past. The estimate on the total amount of the rest of the work needed for the water tower is \$384,370, but not all of it will be done by Pittsburg. The

leak repair work will require a bladder truck to maintain pressure in the village system while the tower is emptied to do the work. The village approved money for water tower repairs at its April board meeting.

Potter

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Potter as village board vice president. The move was made so the village would have a designated trustee to lead meetings in the case of Rhoads’ absence.

“Over the last four years, we’ve been work-

ing really close together and we have a pretty good working relationship,” Rhoads said. “Out of everyone on the board, he knows more about what’s going on than just about anyone else.”

Antenna

The village will discuss and vote next month on a contract renewal and fee negotiation for Leaf River Communication, which has an antenna on Hillcrest’s water tower for a fee. Rhoads said the company has utilized the tower for 11 years and has a much larger customer base now than

it did then, which would justify a higher fee.

Departments

With a recently reshuffled board that now includes new trustees, new Trustee Eileen Braski will be taking over the finance department and Trustee Pamela Pitman will fill the vacant community relations department head position. New Trustee Joe Thompson will fill the streets & grounds department head position vacated by Rhoads’ move to village president. All other department head positions will remain the same.

Financial Peace University class starts Aug. 9 at RUMC

ROCHELLE — If you’ve ever felt like you just can’t get in control of your money, you’re not alone.

You’d be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it’s time for your struggle to end! Join our Financial Peace University class starting on Wednesday, Aug. 9 and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit fpu.com/1164098 to sign up and learn more!

Rochelle United Methodist Church is offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University to the community. Learn how to get rid of

debt and how to spend & save wisely. Financial Peace University (FPU) is a great way to take charge of your finances! It teaches God’s ways of handling money.

Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical and practical steps for financial freedom. Learn how to get rid of debt, manage money, spend & save wisely, and much more. There is a \$50 fee for the class, which is returned if you attend all nine sessions.

This class can also be a wedding gift, a baby gift, a birthday gift or just a gift in support for someone who is facing fi-

nancial challenges. Call our office if you would like to do this: 815-562-2164.

Click here & sign up: fpu.com/1164098

Classes will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church in the Macy Room on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Questions: Contact Katherine Paisley at 815-562-2164 or email admin@rochelleumc.com or visit the church web site for more information.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Geneva E. Brune

ROCHELLE—Geneva E. Brune, 83, of Rochelle, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at the Rochelle Community Hospital. She was born Sept. 22, 1939, in Reading, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Calvin and Geneva (Heister) Staudt. She married Carl H. Brune on March 17, 1962. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 2019.

Geneva is survived by four daughters: Carol (Ole) Winterton of Rochelle, Betzy (Craig) Janssen of St. Charles, Caryn (Ty) Goss of Peekin, and Carlyn Brune of Chattanooga, Tennessee;

six grandchildren: Eric (MacKenna) Winterton, Ryan (Jasmine) Winterton, Marcus and Trevor Janssen, and Taylor and Luke Goss; one great-grandchild, Henry Winterton; and three siblings: Calvin (Shirley) Staudt, Curtis (Joan) Staudt, and Sandy Yost.

In addition to her parents and husband, Geneva is preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Bryan Staudt.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 A.M., Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle with Pastor Joy Alsop officiating. Visitation will be from 10 A.M. until the time of the service Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Geneva's name may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home or Faith Lutheran Church.



Please visit www.ung-erhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Troy Allen Komadina

ROCHELLE — Troy Allen Komadina, 16, of Rochelle, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at UW Health University Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 A.M. Friday, July 21, 2023, at First General Baptist Church in Rochelle. A full obituary will follow in Wednesday's edition. Please visit www.ung-erhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies conduct traffic stops

OREGON — On July 11 at 4:05 p.m. Marcy Devaney, 32, of Stillman Valley, was stopped for suspended registration and subsequently taken into custody for driving on a suspended license. She was released on an I-Bond and given an August court date in Oregon.

On July 12 at approximately 12:10 a.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Baileyville Road near the intersection with Pit Road. After further investigation Stanton Green Jr., 39, of Freeport, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Green was released on an individual bond.

On July 12 at approximately 1:36 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the Winnebago County line at Illinois Route 251. After investigation, deputies placed Jaden Purifoy, 20 of Rockford, under arrest for no valid driver's license, possession of a controlled substance crack/cocaine less than 15 grams (class four felony) and improper container driver. Purifoy was transported to the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court at a later date.

On July 12 at approximately 12:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 16,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies placed Jose Guzman Garcia, 28, of Rochelle under arrest for no valid driver's license. Guzman Garcia was additionally issued citations for an expired registration sticker and operating an uninsured vehicle. Guzman Garcia was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On July 12 at 7 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the Mt. Morris Motel for a citizen assistance call. While attempting to help the caller, they called 911 a total of six times while deputies were at the location speaking with them. As a result of the misuse of 911, George Landowski, 50, of Mt. Morris was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Landowski was transported to the Ogle County Jail and will appear in court at a later date.

On July 12 at 3:09 a.m. Jeremy R. Phillips, 33, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license suspended. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 11 Rochelle court date.

On July 12 at 11:16 a.m. Mario Reynosa-Montalvo, 26, of Rochelle was arrested on two outstanding Ogle County warrants and an outstanding DeKalb County warrant and transferred.

On July 13 at 10:29 a.m. Jennifer N. Smith, 42, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for no valid registration. She was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 11 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make three arrests

ROCHELLE — On July 11 at 4:16 p.m. Everardo P. Blancas, 54, of Dicon was cited for suspended registration and no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 11 Rochelle court date.

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Report policy

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

Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.



Roberts Armory attends MVPA convention in Iowa

On June 14, Roberts Armory World War II Museum traveled to the Military Vehicle Preservation Association Annual Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, at the invitation of the association to display a rare WWII tank. Over 100 military vehicles ranging from the 1918 era to the modern era were presented at the large Varied Industries Building at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. In the photo, Chuck Roberts is attending the table next to the rare, M22 Locust Light tank, and the WC55 M6 gun motor carriage displayed by Roberts Armory WWII Museum.



Area departments responded to fire on Phyllis Avenue on Friday

On Friday at 10 a.m., Rochelle Fire and the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District responded to a report of an attic fire at a home at 411 Phyllis Ave. The caller reported the smell of smoke and a haze in the home. On scene, no smoke or flames were visible as firefighters had a water hose run into the home. All units were clear of the scene at 10:46 a.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Kish College to offer seven short-term training programs in fall 2023

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department will offer seven short-term training programs during the fall 2023 semester. Kish short-term programs provide students with the skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11-20 weeks, allowing students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training. Fall 2023 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include

an externship/clinical. The short-term training programs offered in fall 2023 are:

Appliance Repair Technician: Sept. 11-Dec. 6 (in-person)

Appliance repair technicians are skilled professionals trained to assist clients with household appliance installation, troubleshooting and repairs. In-person instruction will take place from 5:30-9 pm on Mondays at Kishwaukee College and 5:30-9 pm on Wednesdays at Knoll's Appliance Repair Services, Inc.

Dental Assistant: Aug. 28-Nov. 18 (online lecture/in-person practice)

Dental assistants are

health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on three Tuesdays in a local dental office.

Pharmacy Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 9 (online)

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.

Phlebotomy Technician: Aug. 28-Nov. 18 (in-person)

Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals trained to collect, transport, handle, and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro-collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted from 6-8:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College. A clinical experience will be offered in a local hospital from Oct. 31-Nov. 18.

Real Estate Broker Pre-License: Sept. 5-Nov. 16 (online)

Real estate brokers perform many duties

in real estate transactions, including marketing homes, establishing escrow accounts, and working to ensure transactions are fair and legal. Online instruction takes place 6-9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sterile Processing Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 2 (online)

Sterile processing technicians support all patient care services in a health care facility. Technicians are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.

Veterinary Assis-

tant: July 23-Dec. 22 (online lecture/in-person practice)

Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff trained to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals. Online/live lectures will take place 6:30-9 pm on Tuesdays, and in-person labs will be conducted from 5-8 pm on Thursdays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton. A clinical experience will be offered at a local animal hospital from Nov. 20-Dec. 22.

To learn more or register for Kishwaukee College Short-Term programs, visit kish.edu/shortterm.

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.

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.. [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: stpatrickstrochelle.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.



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COMMUNITY

Sanderson graduates from UW-Platteville

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 700

undergraduate students for the spring of 2023, including Kylee Sanderson (soil & crop science) of Kings.

UW-Platteville is located in Southwest Wisconsin and has branch campuses in Richland Center and

Baraboo. UW-Platteville is ranked the best public institution in Wisconsin for value by Payscale.

Haas, Van Hise named to UW-Platteville dean's list

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville recently announced its dean's list, honoring those full-time students who

earned high honors in the spring 2023 semester. The list included Morgan Haas (marketing) and Katie Van Hise (biology) of Rochelle.

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of

3.75 and above for dean's list honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.5.

St. John's ice cream social and talent show is July 23

CRESTON — St. John's Lutheran Church, East South Street in Creston, will host its annual

ice cream social with: sandwiches, homemade pies, any ice cream items and a talent show Sunday,

July 23.

The social runs from 5:30-7 p.m. with the talent show beginning at 7 p.m.

You're invited for a great Sunday night of entertainment. Any questions call 815-384-5325.

Kemp, Flanagan named to Carthage College dean's list

KENOSHA, Wis. — Carthage College congratulates the students who have been named to the

dean's list in spring 2023, including: Adam Kemp of Rochelle and Riley Flanagan of Lindenwood.

Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point

average while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given academic semester.

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 18 – (Tuesday) – BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Coleslaw, Baked Potatoes

July 20 – (Thursday) – Deep Fried Chicken (Breast, Leg or Thigh), Roasted Veggies, Potato Wedges

July 21 – (Friday) – “Fundraiser Night” – We won't be holding a Friday night dinner anymore. This was put in place for an extra boost in revenue and it no longer works that way. It's hard to get help for any night during the week

let alone the Friday night dinner.

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 17 Carolyn Overstreet	July 22 Kayla Peterman John & Deb Wooten (anniversary) Alexie Smith	July 27 Brian & Kelly Smith (anniversary) Pastor Angelo & Debbie Bonacquisti (anniversary)
July 19 Eric & Katie Johnson (anniversary)	July 23 Elmer Lopez	July 28 Marisa McGuire
July 20 Courtney South Corey Lawrence Zack Lawrence Aaron Doering	July 24 Paige Komadina Juliana Kann Jackson Kann	July 30 Spencer Kulwicki
July 21 Gavin Arnold	July 26 Jim Friestad	

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

2023 From The Heart Calendar

Celebrating 15 Years of Giving

\$20

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

July 10 - Kevin Koch, Bozeman, Montana, \$25

July 11 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25

July 12 - Will Reis, Worthington, Ohio, \$25

July 13 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$25

July 14 - Zekelman Employee, \$25

July 15 - Zekelman Employee, \$25

July 16 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$50



Coffee Break

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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: LITTLE RED — HOOD

Adult	False	Man	Robin
Bachelor	Father	Mother	Sister
Boy	Fort	Neighbor	State
Child	Knight	Parent	

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Super Crossword

STOPPING STITCHING

ACROSS

1 "Still open," on a sched.
4 Poppa
7 Some words
12 Nero's great-grandfather
19 Wasn't too rushed to do something
21 Dance with people in a line
22 One-dollar Canadian coins
23 Of morals
24 In the vicinity
25 One of Capt. Kirk's officers
26 Start of a riddle
29 Like much folk medicine
30 Lubricates
31 Italian "a"
32 Winter hours in Minn.
35 Ancient recital halls
36 Riddle, part 2
41 Boxer Oscar — Hoya
44 — -mo replay
45 Kiev's country
46 Riddle, part 3
52 X Games broadcaster
54 Playwright Chekhov

DOWN

55 Cartoon canary
56 Burn with no flame
58 — Little (mouse of kiddie lit)
59 Biden's party: Abbr.
60 Los Angeles district
62 Part of OTOH
64 Riddle, part 4
71 Dress in fine duds
72 Pedro's shawl
73 Caged bird, often
75 "Blue Ribbon" beers
78 Barely makes, as a living
81 Andes beasts
84 Nudge rudely
85 "Meh" grades
86 Riddle, part 5
88 1960s art movement
90 — chi
92 Peak in the "Odyssey"
93 End of the riddle
98 Letters after upsilons
102 Sci-fi visitors
103 Prefix with plunk
104 Presque Isle's lake

ACROSS

105 Celebrity chef Mario
107 Riddle's answer
112 Not forsaking event
115 Elliptical
116 Fragrant Chinese flower
117 Word-of-mouth precepts
118 Dig deep
119 Grappler, rural-style
120 Gloucester's peninsula
121 Birch-family tree
122 Ordinal number suffix
123 — Plains

DOWN

9 Forms a bladderlike sac around
10 "My stars!"
11 Bargain event
12 Just for laughs
13 Gradually lost light
14 Libertine guy
15 Very pixel-dense, as a TV picture
16 More, to musicians
17 — capita
18 Simile center
20 Old-style sheriff's emblem
27 Lav in a pub
28 Pool hall stick
32 Tony winner Rivera
33 Sir of Seville
34 Former senator Lott
36 Roadwork goop
37 "— 3 Lives" (1952 memoir)
38 Ascended
39 Declaimed
40 Organic fertilizer
42 Prefix for "outer"
43 Fill a nest, in a way
46 Inc., to a Brit financially
47 Was behind
48 Pixar's lost clown fish
49 Con at large
50 Kuwaiti VIP
51 Actor Moss who co-starred on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for 25 years
53 In proportion
57 Wind-deposited loam
58 Armor pieces
61 Sch. in Manhattan
63 With 101-Down, rubber-soled canvas shoes
65 "How curious"
66 Words after "Make love"
67 Cat call
68 Dude, slangily
69 Engine speed stats
70 "You betcha!"
74 Mao — -tung
75 British coins
76 Forewarn
77 Hip-hop devotees, in old slang
79 Etta of old comics
80 Morales of "La Linea"
82 Fleur-de- —
83 Power cord attachments
85 Declined in status
87 Lap dog
89 Bismarck or Pierre native
91 Freezing
94 Wall St. manipulator
95 Show up
96 German art songs
97 Actor Ayres
99 "Over the Rainbow" composer
100 "Maybe ... ask me later"
101 See
105 Sheep call
106 Flooded (in)
107 Windy blast
108 Cantina pot
109 Jedi guru
110 Daredevil
111 French "to be"
112 Tone — ("Wild Thing" rapper)
113 Man-mouse linkup
114 Bark sharply

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is reversed. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

Super Crossword

Answers:

Across: 1. NEIGHBOR, 4. FATHER, 7. PAPA, 12. GRANDFATHER, 19. RUSHED, 21. DANCE, 22. COIN, 23. MORALS, 24. VICINITY, 25. OFFICER, 26. RIDDLE, 29. FOLK, 30. LUBRICATE, 31. ALFA, 32. WINTER, 35. ANCIENT, 36. RIDDLE, 41. OSCAR, 44. REPLAY, 45. UKRAINE, 46. RIDDLE, 52. X-GAMES, 54. CHEKHOV, 55. CARTOON, 56. BURN, 58. LITTLE, 59. BIDEN, 60. LOS ANGELES, 62. PART, 64. RIDDLE, 71. DRESS, 72. PEDRO, 73. CAGED, 75. BLUE, 78. BARELY, 81. ANDES, 84. NUDGE, 85. MEH, 86. RIDDLE, 88. 1960S, 90. CHI, 92. PEAK, 93. END, 98. LETTERS, 102. SCI-FI, 103. PREFIX, 104. PRESQUE, 105. CHEF, 107. ANSWER, 112. NOT, 115. ELLIPTICAL, 116. FRAGRANT, 117. WORD-OF-MOUTH, 118. DIG, 119. GRAPPLER, 120. GLOUCESTER, 121. BIRCH, 122. ORDINAL, 123. PLAINS, 9. BLADDER, 10. MY, 11. BARGAIN, 12. JUST, 13. GRADUALLY, 14. LIBERTINE, 15. VERY, 16. MORE, 17. CAPITA, 18. SIMILE, 20. OLD, 27. LAV, 28. POOL, 32. TONY, 33. SIR, 34. FORMER, 36. ROADWORK, 37. THREE, 38. ASCENDED, 39. DECLAIMED, 40. ORGANIC, 42. PREFIX, 43. FILL, 46. INC., 47. WAS, 48. PIXAR, 49. CON, 50. KUWAITI, 51. ACTOR, 53. IN, 57. WIND, 58. ARMOR, 61. SCH., 63. WITH, 65. HOW, 66. WORDS, 67. CAT, 68. DUDE, 69. ENGINE, 70. YOU, 74. MAO, 75. BRITISH, 76. FOREWARN, 77. HIP-HOP, 79. ETTA, 80. MORALES, 82. FLEUR-DE, 83. POWER, 85. DECLINED, 87. LAP, 89. BISMARK, 91. FREEZING, 94. WALL, 95. SHOW, 96. GERMAN, 97. ACTOR, 99. OVER, 100. MAYBE, 101. SEE, 105. SHEEP, 106. FLOODED, 107. WINDY, 108. CANTINA, 109. JEDI, 110. DAREDEVIL, 111. FRENCH, 112. TONE, 113. MAN-MOUSE, 114. BARK.

LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

DRA President Nathan Uhl of blueflamedecor, LLC led the meeting. Five businesses were honored Tuesday and photos and memorabilia were provided by the Flag Township Museum on their history and history of the downtown as a whole.

DRA: Five local businesses honored during Tuesday evening event

From page 1

Bill's Trading Post was established in 1943. Owner Frank Smardo spoke Tuesday.

"It's quite an honor to receive this, but I haven't done much to deserve it," Smardo said. "As you get into business, you just keep going. You take the good with the bad and hope you'll be there tomorrow. And hopefully all of you will be there for many years to come. Never give up, just keep

going. It always gets better."

Hub City Furniture was established in 1979 and the business was honored as well Tuesday.

The guest speakers portion of the meeting followed a "past, present and future" theme. Speakers included David Guest (past), Mayor John Bearrows (present) and Down Range, LLC Owner Matt Gerard (future).

Guest, a longtime attorney in the city, told stories about the down-

town and happenings in the city. Bearrows talked about the work that the city did during the COVID-19 pandemic to help its businesses including giving grants to small businesses and starting Rochelle Municipal Utilities' Stop Local program to encourage residents to support local businesses by giving them discounts on their electric bills.

"We went out on a limb, and we did it because we knew we had to," Bearrows said. "We were not

going to let our small businesses die. And that's exactly what was going to happen if we didn't step up. Behind the scenes, I will work every day to make sure we as a city can do whatever we can to help each and every one of your small businesses. Because they're the backbone of our community."

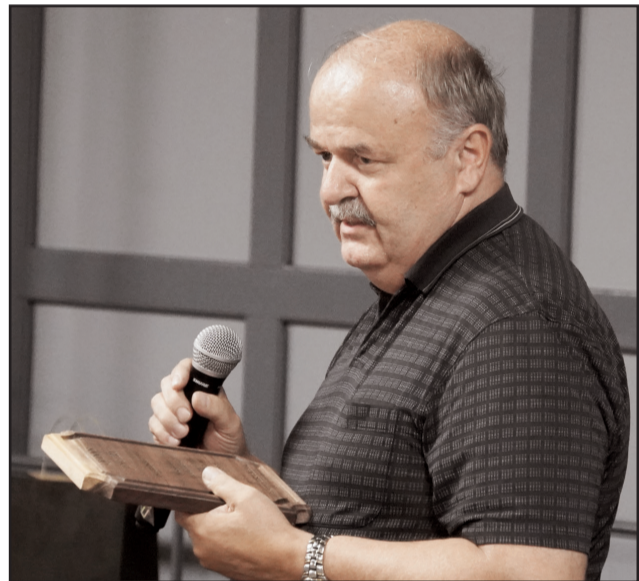
Gerard served as a Rochelle Police Department officer in the past for 15 years and spent much of that time patrolling the downtown area, where

his business now resides. Gerard said he wants to see involvement and collaboration by downtown business owners going forward.

"We are friends and we are family," Gerard said. "And that's one of the things that makes the downtown great and why we love our downtown. Because we have these connections to each other. And we want to see more growth going forward and continue to help each other out and offer support."

Uhl ended the meeting with closing remarks. He thanked those in attendance and said the annual meeting was "a big improvement" on last year's. Uhl said the DRA organization is looking forward to the future with a board of younger business owners.

"We're looking forward to having an organization that is functional and works really well and that is truly able to operate according to our purpose," Uhl said.



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SPORTS



AN EXPLOSIVE DEBUT

RTHS alum Owen Angell homers in first at-bat with Sauk Valley CC baseball team.

See page 2 for more details

Rochelle Little League

District tournaments continue

10U Baseball All-Stars finish 2-1 with victories over Sterling and Freeport

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCK FALLS — The Rochelle Little League 10U Baseball All-Stars went 2-1 over three games at the District 19 Championship tournament earlier this week. Rochelle fell 9-4 against Rock Falls on Monday, but the All-Stars bounced back with a 15-5 win over Sterling on Tuesday before concluding the tournament with an 18-6 victory against Freeport on Wednesday. Rochelle finished second in the tournament and will not advance to the sub-state round.

Rock Falls

A scoreless contest carried into the top of the fourth inning, where Rochelle scratched two runs after Gavin Smith drew a bases-loaded walk and Riley Heal scored on a passed ball to give the All-Stars a 2-0 advantage. Rock Falls earned one run back in the bottom of the fourth inning, making the score 2-1 before Rochelle tallied two more runs in the top of the fifth inning, where Brycen Williams and Brecken Bruns scored on wild pitches to put Rochelle ahead 4-1.

Rock Falls exploded in the bottom of the fifth



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League 10U Baseball All-Stars went 2-1 over three games at the District 19 Championship tournament earlier this week. The team includes Devin Hansen, Brycen Williams, Brayson Bouland, Brantley Koenig, Gavin Smith, Bentley Etes, Riley Heal, Landon Johnson, Brecken Bruns, Griffin Rutledge, Bennett Law and Cody Cox. The team is coached by Scott Etes, Ethan Etes and John Cox.

inning, rallying for eight runs on four singles and four walks to surge ahead 9-4. Bennett Law started on the mound for the Rochelle All-Stars, throwing four innings and striking out seven

batters while allowing only two hits.

Brantley Koenig and Bruns each struck out one batter for the All-Stars, who drew 12 walks but totaled one hit.

Sterling

Brayson Bouland started a four-RBI evening in the top of the first inning, lacing an RBI single into center field to score Brecken Bruns

and give Rochelle a 1-0 lead over Sterling. The All-Stars fell behind after Sterling drew four walks and two hit-by-pitches in the bottom of the first inning, where the team tallied four runs

to gain a 4-1 advantage. Brycen Williams slapped a two-out single and scored on a passed ball for Rochelle in the top of the second inning.

See **BASEBALL** pg 6

RTHS Wrestling

(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)



Rochelle Township High School holds annual summer youth camp

The Rochelle Township High School wrestling program held its annual summer youth camp for grade-schoolers and middle-schoolers this past week. The three-day camp began on Tuesday and concluded on Thursday, with campers wrestling from 5:30-7 p.m. at the RTHS strength and conditioning room. The camp teaches basic wrestling skills including top and bottom fundamentals, takedowns, pins, neutral techniques and more. The camp is led by RTHS coaches and student-athletes.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT

Explosive start headlines Angell's freshman season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

RTHS alum Owen Angell's first collegiate at-bat was one he'll remember for a long time.

Making his NJCAA debut with the Sauk Valley Community College baseball team against Parkland College on Feb. 18, Angell entered the batter's box and belted a two-run homer, the first of his collegiate career. The former Hub baseball standout ultimately finished with two homers and 14 RBIs during his freshman campaign with the Skyhawks, stealing six bases and scoring 17 runs over 33 games. Angell finished the season with a .260/.339/.394 slash line.

"We had a team that really wanted to win and hitting that home run had everybody hyped up," Angell said. "We had a great time during that game and it set the tone for how we wanted to play for the rest of the season... My freshman season was very different from previous seasons. I learned how to be a lot more responsible and I had a lot of fun. I wanted to play for Sauk Valley because I wanted to stay close to town and play with guys I've known since I was young."

Angell played second base for the Skyhawks, finishing with 57 putouts and 60 assists while helping the team turn five double plays on defense. The RTHS alum compiled 27 hits including six doubles and one triple during his freshman season, leading the Skyhawks to 19 victories. Angell said that improving on offense will be his biggest goal entering his sophomore season.

"Everybody has talent and all of the teams we play at this level are really good," Angell said. "We have to bring it every time we play and we have to work hard every single day. I thought I played pretty well on defense, but I didn't hit as well as I wanted to. I thought I played a big role as a freshman and I definitely want to improve my hitting. As a team, my biggest goal is to get everybody bought in and into the game. I want to work hard and I want to show our incoming freshmen that we have to stick to it if we want to win and be successful as a team."

Angell continued his baseball career at Sauk Valley after playing two years of varsity baseball at RTHS, where he earned starts at second base and shortstop



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Former RTHS student-athlete Owen Angell recorded two home runs and 14 RBIs during his freshman baseball season at Sauk Valley CC.

during his senior season. Angell recorded his first collegiate multi-hit game against Prairie State College on March 1, when he finished 2-for-4 with two doubles and one run. Angell's first three-hit game came against Madison College on April 13, when he went 3-for-4 and scored two runs in a 11-10 loss.

"Playing in Rochelle my whole life, the way the game was taught to me really helped me be ready for the college level," said Angell, who's currently studying business at Sauk Valley. "It's a big baseball town and playing here showed me what I needed to do to become a good player."

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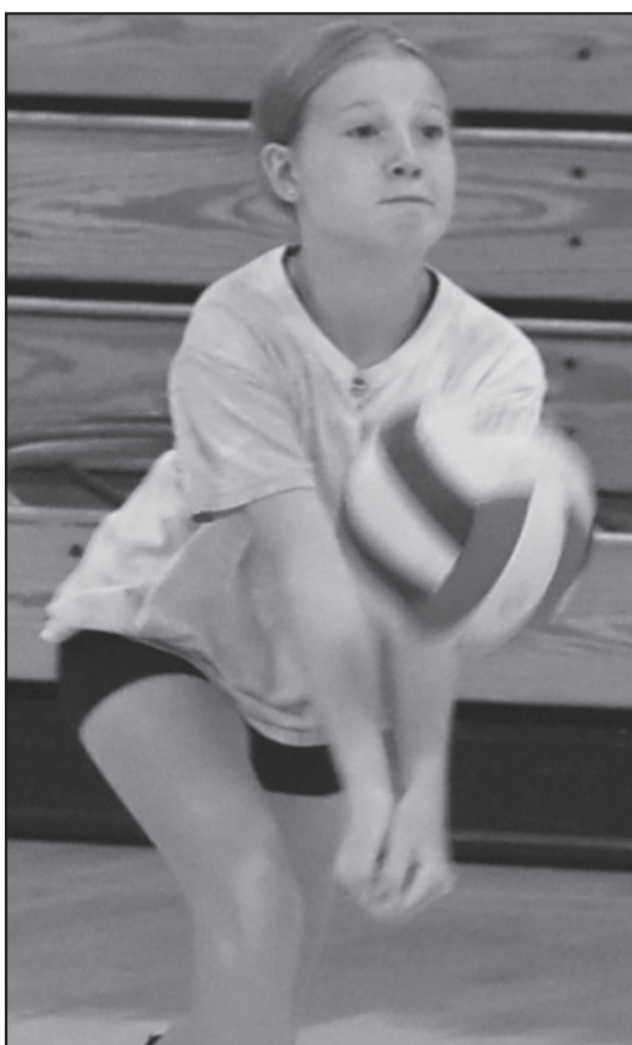
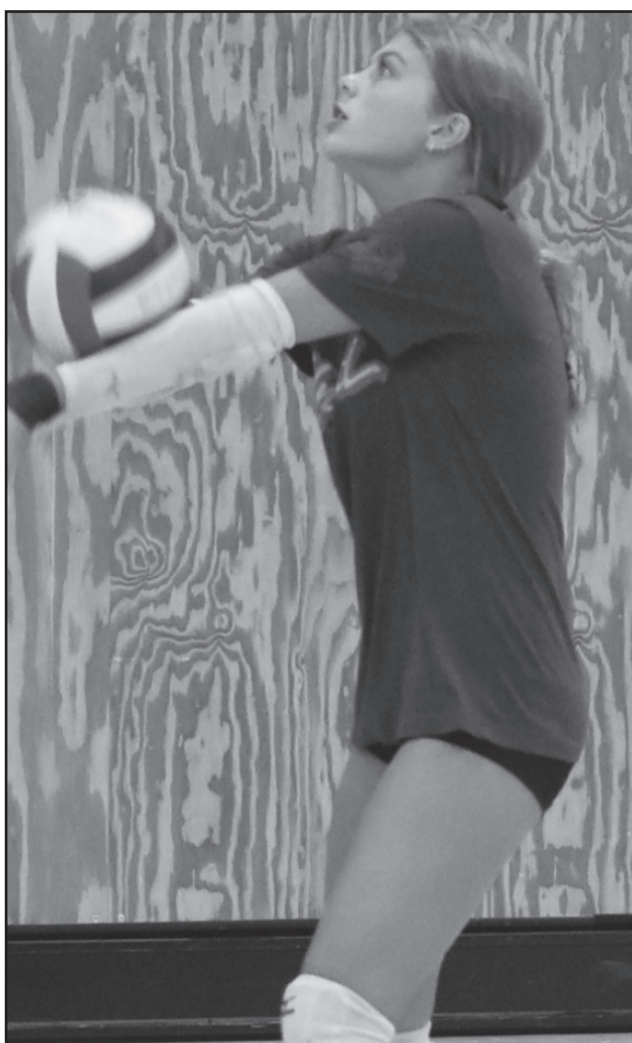
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RTHS Volleyball

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Lady Hubs hold annual summer youth camp this past week

The Rochelle Lady Hub volleyball program held its annual youth camp for grade-schoolers and middle-schoolers this past week. The four-day camp began on Monday and concluded on Thursday, with campers practicing from 11-12:30 p.m. The camp teaches fundamental skills including serving, passing, setting, offense, defense and more. The camp is run by RTHS coaches and student-athletes.

Rochelle Little League

Junior League All-Stars fall to Freeport

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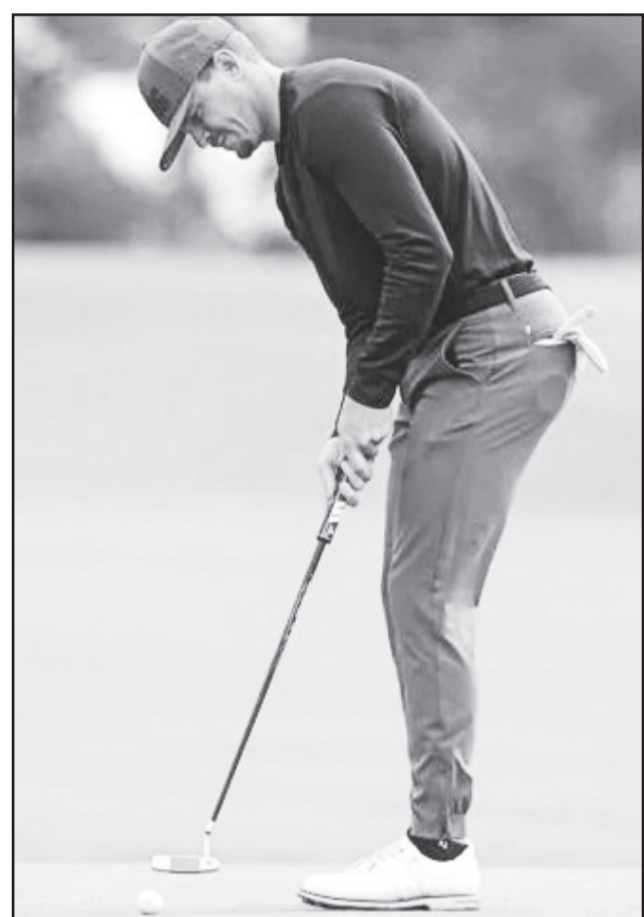
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Freeport held a 4-0 lead after tallying four runs on two singles and two walks in the top of the first inning. Rochelle tallied one run in the bottom of the first inning, where Marcus Hansen reached on an error and scored after singles from Connor Hunley and John Chadwick. After a

scoreless second inning, Freeport added one run on two singles in the top of the third inning.

Freeport surged ahead 6-1 after scratching one run on two hit-by-pitches and one single in the top of the fifth inning. Rochelle scored its second and final run of the game in the bottom of the sixth inning, where Hansen and Chadwick both notched singles and Hansen crossed home.

The Junior League All-Stars include Marcus Hansen, Angel Argueta, John Chadwick, Luke Dickey, Trent Cunningham, Andrew Eyster, Connor Hunley, Andrew Huerta, Elijah Schweitzer, Warren Schweitzer and Bobby Tourdot.



Wilkinson finishes fourth at Wyoming State Open

Former RTHS golf standout Andy Wilkinson finished fourth out of 115 players at the 67th Annual Wyoming State Open at the Airport Golf Club in Cheyenne, Wyoming from July 7-9. Wilkinson shot a 13-under-par 197 with respective scores of 68, 65 and 64 over his three rounds of competition.

Wilkinson, who totaled seven consecutive birdies during his third round, finished 23rd out of 81 golfers at the Laramie Wyoming Open and will compete in the 77th Annual Florida Open in Fort Myers, Florida from July 14-16.

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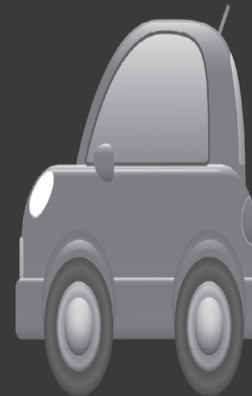
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SPORTS

BASEBALL: 10U All-Stars battle at District 19 Championship

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An RBI double allowed Sterling to take a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the second inning. After scoreless third and fourth frames, Rochelle found its spark on offense in the top of the fifth inning, where Griffin Rutledge reached on an error to score Cody Cox and cut the Sterling lead to 5-3. Boulard then delivered the biggest hit of the game for the Rochelle All-Stars, belting a bases-loaded, two-out triple to center field that scored Rutledge, Bruns and Bentley Etes.

Boulard followed the three-run knock by scoring on a passed ball to give Rochelle a 7-5 lead. Rochelle clinched the victory by compiling eight runs in the top of the sixth inning, where Brantley Koenig sparked the rally with a two-RBI double before Devin Hansen reached on an error, allowing Koenig to score and put Rochelle up 10-5. A passed ball and another Sterling error enabled three runners to score, giving Rochelle a 13-5 lead. Rochelle capped off the eight-run frame with an RBI double from Bruns and a sacrifice fly from Gavin Smith.

Bruns went 3-for-3 with three runs in the win, while Boulard went 2-for-2 with two walks and four RBIs. Williams went 2-for-3 with two runs for the Rochelle All-Stars, who saw Bruns pitch the final five and two-thirds innings while striking out 11 batters and allowing only three hits.

Freeport

An RBI knockout from Cody Cox in the top of the second inning sparked a three-run frame for the Rochelle All-Stars against

Freeport. Despite conceding two singles and a walk in the bottom of the second inning, where Freeport tallied two runs to make the score 3-2, Rochelle scratched two runs in the top of the third inning, where Brycen Williams and Gavin Smith reached base on a hit-by-pitch and an error before scoring on an error to give the All-Stars a 5-2 advantage.

Rochelle extended its lead to 9-2 in the top of the fourth inning. Brayson Boulard tripled and scored on a passed ball before Cox delivered an RBI single to bring home Devin Hansen. Bennett Law's fielder's choice grounder allowed Cox to score and cap off the four-run frame. Two walks and an error helped Freeport score three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Landon Johnson singled

and scored on a passed ball to ignite a nine-run rally from the Rochelle All-Stars in the top of the fifth inning. Bentley Etes followed with a two-run single, plating Griffin Rutledge and Brecken Bruns before scoring on a passed ball two batters later. After Boulard scored on a passed ball, Riley Heal put Rochelle up 15-5 with an RBI single that scored Cox. An RBI single from Law in the next at-bat allowed Heal to score and give Rochelle a 16-5 lead.

Rochelle capped off the victory with RBI singles from Williams and Smith. Heal started on the mound for Rochelle, throwing three and two-thirds innings while striking out seven batters. Etes added three strikeouts in one and one-third innings on the pitcher's mound.



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- Building Size: 12,150 SF
- Year Built: 1985
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