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Council approves SRO agreement

New ambulance purchase approved on Monday

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Monday, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Rochelle Township High School District 212 to extend its school resource officer contract for one year until July 15, 2024.

A Rochelle Police Department Officer will continue to be at RTHS and an additional three-year term beyond that date can be mutually agreed upon. The RTHS Board of Education agreed to pay 66 percent of the SRO's total compensation including salary, overtime, benefits and pension payments, which



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The city presented a check to Rochelle Area Community Foundation Executive Director Emily Anaya for \$34,185 from its employee giving program.

was listed at \$92,268 in the meeting's agenda packet.

RPD Interim Chief Pete Pavia said Monday that the RTHS SRO will

be Officer Jim Jakymiw, who served as the elementary school district's SRO for a number of years and began working at RTHS last year. The el-

ementary district school resource officer position will be filled by Officer Sydney Jackson.

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News-Leader office hours changing

ROCHELLE — Effective Thursday, July 13, the Rochelle News-Leader will have new office hours.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. The office will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

There will be a drop box located in the front of the building for payments and news items to be dropped off. The News-Leader apologizes for any inconvenience.

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Rotary Club names officers

The Rochelle Rotary Club named its officers for the 2023-24 calendar year.
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36th annual Hot Dog Day held in Rochelle

7,500 hot dogs distributed by local businesses Saturday afternoon

ROCHELLE — On Saturday, July 8, the 36th Annual Rochelle News-Leader Hot Dog Day was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free hot dogs were served at 12 locations including Jeff Perry Autos, Hub City Car Wash, All Things/ALM Cabinets, Kenny's Place, Prescott Brothers Ford, Walmart, Silgan Containers, A1 Hot Body, Living Water Church, Majeski Motors, Ace Hardware and Rochelle VFW.

Hot Dog Day is sponsored by the News-Leader in cooperation from donations received by local businesses Rochelle Foods (hot dogs), Walmart (mustard/hot dog buns), Del Monte Foods (ketchup) and ALDI (hot dog buns). Hot Dog Day took 7,500 hot dogs, 900 packs of buns, 192 bottles of ketchup and 75 bottles of mustard to pull off.

"The 36th Annual Rochelle Hot Dog Day was once again a huge success," News-Leader General Manager Mike Feltes said.



(PHOTO BY MIKE FELTES)

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"Also, for the 36th year in a row it did not get rained out. A special thanks to the 12 businesses took time out of their day to provide

this for the community. In talking to LeAnn from A-1 Hot Body, around 1:15 p.m. they were already on their last box of hot dogs.

As was Mike at ALM. Mike said it started a little slow but then picked up quickly. Silgan Containers Plant Manager Mike Kelly

got in on the fun as well."

See page 3 for more photos from the 36th Annual Hot Dog Day in Rochelle.

Creston trustees approve 2024 fiscal year budget

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

CRESTON — The Village of Creston Board of Trustees approved its 2024 fiscal year budget and appropriation during its monthly meeting Tuesday. The appropriation exceeded \$1 million for

the first time, with the final amount totaling \$1.1 million. Creston officials said the increased appropriation is due to a \$245,000 water main project and \$100,000 in motor fuel tax funds.

The village will receive \$88,000 in federal funds via the American Rescue Plan that will be allocated

toward the water main project. In addition to the water main project, Creston officials said the village will be replacing a pump at one of its water wells in the near future. Creston's 2023 appropriation amounted to \$834,625 when the board approved its 2023 budget last July.

Ordinance

Creston officials took no action Tuesday evening on an agenda item regarding a potential solar ordinance for those that install solar panels in the village that would allow Creston to charge for permits. The solar ordinance was dis-

cussed and tabled during the village meeting in June.

Patch work

Creston officials said that patch work will begin next week on roads located north of the railroad tracks. Seal coating will begin after the patch work is complete.

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LOCAL NEWS

Kish students win ICCTA Lifelong Learning Award, Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Kishwaukee College student Minerva Sandoval received the 2023 Lifelong Learning Award at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Annual Banquet in Normal. Pictured (third from the left) Minerva Sandoval and her family.

NORMAL — Two Kishwaukee College students were honored with statewide recognition by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) at the ICCTA Annual Convention in Normal this month. Minerva Sandoval received the 2023 ICCTA Lifelong Learning Award, and Davut Hanveliyev was awarded the 2023 Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship.

Sandoval is currently pursuing a degree in Kish's Office Systems program, but her journey at Kish started in 2002 when she began taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Sandoval moved to the United States at 20 years old and dedicated herself to learning English to better advocate for herself and her children. Over more than two decades, Sando-

val improved her reading, writing and speaking skills through ESL and high school equivalency classes. With renewed confidence, she took the next steps to pursue a lifelong dream of taking college-level courses during the Fall 2022 semester. In December 2022, Sandoval attended Kish's commencement ceremony, where she earned the Google IT Support Professional Certificate.

"I always had inside me the dream of going to college," Sandoval said. "Through Kish, I saw many doors open for me. I cannot imagine my life without Kishwaukee College. Through all the support at Kish, I have been able to grow as a person."

Sandoval continues to improve her language skills through advanced ESL classes and is pursuing

an Associate in Applied Science degree in Office Systems. She credits Kish for helping her advocate for her children's education, health care, extracurricular activities and more. Additionally, she plans to utilize Kish's citizenship class to gain the necessary skills to pass the U.S. Citizenship exam. Sandoval is Kishwaukee College's second student to win the ICCTA Lifelong Learning Award, with JoEllen Kile receiving the award in 2020.

For the Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship, Hanveliyev crafted an essay outlining a plan for a non-violent response to the problems of hate and discrimination while drawing upon the lives and writings of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hanveliyev's essay advocated for embracing diversity and touched on his perspective of cultures outside the United States.

"I hope that this essay will help raise consciousness about how mutual respect and a commitment to nonviolence could lead us to build a society whose diverse members can thrive and develop themselves both intellectually and socially," Hanveliyev said.

Hanveliyev will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2023 semester from the ICCTA in addition to a \$500 scholarship for Spring 2023. He received as the winner of Kish's competition. Hanveliyev is Kish's first Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship winner at the statewide level. To learn more about lifelong learning opportunities at Kish, visit kish.edu/adultlearners. To learn more about the ICCTA or read Hanveliyev's essay, visit kish.edu/iccta.



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Kish veterinary assistant program runs July-December in hybrid format

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College's Continuing Education department is offering the Veterinary Assistant program July 23-Dec. 22, 2023, in a hybrid format. The Veterinary Assistant program prepares students to work in an

entry-level position in an animal hospital. It is a great way to explore a career in veterinary medicine before committing to a degree program. The program spans 20 weeks and includes an externship component.

Veterinary assistants

play a crucial role in veterinary staff, providing support to veterinarians and veterinary technicians during medical procedures for sick and injured animals. They are also trained in examination techniques, customer relations and

veterinary hospital office procedures.

Lecture will be delivered online/live via Zoom on Tuesdays (3-6 p.m.)

Labs will be conducted on Thursdays (5-8 p.m.) at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton.

The cost of the class is

\$2,250 and includes textbook and all lab supplies, and coordination of the externship. Kishwaukee College also offers a payment plan option to assist students with managing the cost. Due to limited availability, interested individuals are encouraged

to secure their spot early.

For detailed registration information and to learn more about the Veterinary Assistant program, please visit the Kishwaukee College website at: <https://kish.edu/academics/programs/veterinary-assistant.php>.

Kish College Foundation honors outgoing director, welcomes new member

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Foundation welcomed Corinne Haviley as a new member of its Board of Directors while bidding farewell to Brent O'Daniell during the Foundation's May meeting.

Haviley joins the Board of Directors with a background in the health care field. She currently serves as the vice president and chief nurse executive for Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee and Valley West hospitals. Haviley's office regularly works with the Kishwaukee College Nursing program for on-

the-job training through clinical rotations.

"As a nurse, I'm invested in the future of the profession, and I believe Kish is a great place for nurses to begin their careers," Haviley said. "I admire the men and women that go into nursing because they truly make a difference, and we are committed to evolving the profession."

The Kishwaukee College Foundation offers scholarships and support for Kish's health science programs in addition to the many career and transfer programs offered at the

College.

Haviley will replace outgoing Director Brent O'Daniell. Joining the foundation board in 2020, O'Daniell provided valuable input on the Awards Committee, helping implement the foundation's Distinguished Alumni Award. He also helped enhance the foundation's scholarship award process, which takes place each fall and spring semester. O'Daniell has taken a role as superintendent of Beardstown CUSD #15 after serving as superintendent of Genoa-Kingston School District #424 for

six years.

The Foundation Board also recognized the service of Dr. Norm Jenkins, who now serves as an honorary director emeritus. Dr. Jenkins has been involved at Kish since its inception and served as Kishwaukee College's second president from 1978-2000. Jenkins is a longtime supporter of the foundation, and he officially joined the foundation board in 2016 and retired from the board in December 2022.

"We thank Dr. Jenkins and Mr. O'Daniell for their years of dedicated

service to our foundation board. Their guidance and leadership have been imperative in advancing our mission of supporting Kish through scholarships, program enhancement and college initiatives," said Dr. Kayte Hamel, vice president of college relations & executive director of the Kishwaukee College Foundation.

Each semester, the Kishwaukee College Foundation awards hundreds of scholarships to Kish students, which are made possible through generous gifts from members of the



Corinne Haviley

community, local businesses and industry, and area associations. To learn more about the foundation and its board of directors, visit kish.edu/foundation.

Kish announces spring 2023 part-time student honors list

MALTA — Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the spring 2023 part-time student honors list. The following students have been named to the spring 2023 part-time student honors list:

Clare — Alexander Hakes.
Creston — Tyler Echelbarger. Esmond — Laura Santiago, Jessica Van Etten and Patrick Vanetten.
Lee — Emily Frazier, Lenina Hulthen and Audrey Witte. Lindenwood — Anna Roush.
Rochelle — Dani Anderson, Jaycee Benson, Mackenzie Boehle, Kyleigh Boe-

hle, Marili Cervantes, Ryan Corson, Darlene Diaz, Brittny Duncan, Ester Gomero Tamayo, Graciela Hernandez, Jaderi Ibarra, Danielle Kaecker, Ellie Kinn, John Knapp, Crue Larsen, Logan Lidren, Estephania Lopez, Jaime Martinez, David Menez, Asia Miller, Damian Nava-Barrientos, Olivia Ramos, Jose Salinas, Olivia Sergeant, Sarah Snow, Courtney South, Rhonda Starr, Cierra Thomas, Humberto Valdez, Celia Valle, Gabriella Walker, Asher Wiegartz and Devyn Williams.

Steward — Rachel McCormick.

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Obituaries

Agatha Naomi Knaak

ROCHELLE — Agatha Naomi Knaak, 102, passed away peacefully at Liberty Village Manor Court on July 7, 2023 in Rochelle, surrounded by her loving family. Agatha was born on July 8, 1920 to Neal Pleasant and Oma (Edwards) Pleasant in Cambria.

She had a very inquisitive mind and loved school; she remembers being the champion multiplier in third grade! She also loved literature and poetry, passing her love of reading to many in the family. Agatha graduated from Elgin High School in 1938 where she played basketball and was first chair in the orchestra on the viola.

She shared stories of walking 2 miles through the woods to school, staying warm by the potbelly stove, and riding her horse bareback. Agatha married Frank "Bud" Knaak on June 22, 1940 at the House of Hope Presbyterian Church in Elgin. Agatha worked at Sherman Hospital in Elgin, and taught Sunday School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where she later became Superintendent of Sunday School.

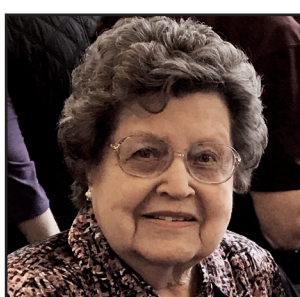
Bud and Agatha raised their children, Jim, Jerry, and Peggy in Elgin and

moved to Rochelle in 1991 to be closer to family. They were married 73 years before Bud passed away in 2013. Agatha was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle. She loved to read her daily devotions and would still listen to the Sunday sermons on her treasured transistor radio.

"Gram" loved her family and her greatest joy was spending time with them. She lived by the motto, "Life is uncertain; eat dessert first!" It was such a gift that she was able to share so much of her life with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a very sweet spirit with strong convictions and was loved by all who were blessed to know her.

When asked on her 102nd birthday about her secret to a long life, she simply said, "Trust in the Lord and He will take care of everything."

She is survived by her twin children, daughter Peggy (Chuck) Wagner and son Jerry (Judy) Knaak, both of Rochelle; daughter-in-law Rebeca Knaak; sister Carol Jean Johnson; seven grandchildren: Debbie (Vince) O'Brien, Dede (Tim) Ponto, Wendy Gilbert, Benjamin (Jamie) Knaak, Christopher (Jennifer) Knaak,



Andy Knaak, Dan (Jenny) Knaak; 11 great grandchildren: Kiley and Kelsey O'Brien, Mallory, Lauren, and Taylor Ponto, Alex Gilbert, Everett Knaak, Tyler, Hunter, Charles, and Emmett Knaak; one great great grandchild, Wilder Knaak; and many special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Knaak on Aug. 9, 2013; son James Knaak; stepfather Carl Linden; brother William Pleasant; sister-in-law Maxine Pleasant; brother-in-law Sonny Johnson; grandson-in-law Erik Gilbert; great grandsons Mark and Alexander O'Brien and special lifelong friend Gertrude Patterson.

There will be a private service and burial for the family at Lawnridge Cemetery. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger Horner Funeral Home. Memorials can be made in Agatha's memory to Unity Hospice of Rochelle.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make two arrests

ROCHELLE — On July 7 at 6:31 p.m. Jenny S. Olson-McCullars, 47, of Davis Junction was arrested for retail theft. She paid \$100 and was released with an Aug. 11 Ogle County court date.

On July 9 at 11 a.m. Gabriella T. Brigando, 29, of Dixon was cited for

speeding 26-35 miles per hour over the speed limit. She was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 11 Rochelle court date.

On July 9 at 12:15 p.m. Nina A. Swantek, 36, of Roscoe was cited for speeding. She was released on an I-Bond with an Aug. 11 Rochelle

court date.

On July 9 at 2:36 p.m. Cristian Garcia, 29, of Rochelle was arrested on an Ogle County warrant and transferred.

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

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies conduct several traffic stops

OREGON — On July 5 at approximately 7:04 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,600 block of North Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Julio Ramos, 21, of Rochelle, for two outstanding Ogle County warrants and possession of controlled substance (crack/cocaine). Ramos was additionally cited for illegal transportation of alcohol-passenger. Ramos was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending a court appearance before a judge.

On July 5 at approximately 8:46 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of South Freeport Road. Upon investigation, Ariana M. Prado, 25, of Rock Falls, was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance. Prado also had an outstanding warrant



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Matthew George, a university student from Carson-Newman College, is helping families this summer with their at-home learning.

College student helping local families with education needs

OGLE COUNTY — Matthew George, a university student from Carson-Newman College, is helping families this summer with their at-home learning. His hometown being Bury, Louisiana, he's participating in a long-standing sales and leadership program that finds him talking to thousands of families and learning the ins and outs of running a business in Ogle and Carroll County. He is living in Dixon with a local family who is hosting him for the summer.

George, a business administration major, has spent the summer with Southwestern Advantage, the nation's oldest entrepreneurial program for

college students. Southwestern Advantage has conducted the program since 1868 — just after the Civil War. The company offers students the opportunity to learn how to manage their own business, gain valuable soft skills not often taught in a classroom, and help offset their educational expenses. Each summer, around 1,500 students from over 200 college and university campuses worldwide participate.

George, visiting families at their homes through referrals and cold-calls, says he has felt very welcome in each of the communities and that the products he has shared have been well received by families. In addition

to meeting new people and helping with what is sometimes a pain point in the home (learning & homework), George is grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow from an experience that is not-so-common as it once was: door-to-door sales. While it can be challenging, it can be very rewarding as well.

He's excited about the skillset he is acquiring and his resume experience will now include many new things that will help him land a future job and set him apart from peers. A few of those things include goal-setting, schedule, communication, problem-solving, money management, and many other skills.

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Rachel Ruiz, 43, of Byron was driving while license suspended. Ruiz was taken into custody and released on an individual bond with a scheduled court appearance. Ruiz was also cited for a suspended registration.

On July 6 at approximately 2:45 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop at Creston Road and De-ment Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Rebecca Schott, 20, of Rochelle, for driving while license suspended. Schott was additionally cited for no insurance and suspended registration/non-insured. Schott was released on scene with a return court.

On July 6 at approximately 8:13 p.m. deputies responded to the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 64 for the report of a disturbance. After an investigation, Brennden M. Harms, 20, of Polo, was placed under arrest for criminal damage to property over \$500, criminal damage to property under \$500, domestic battery and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. Harms was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held pending an appearance before a judge.

On July 7 at 3:20 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 12,000 block of East Flagg Road. After a brief investigation, Cyndy Marrufo, 22, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving without a valid license. Marrufo was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

Marrufo was additionally cited for disobeying a stop sign.

On July 8 at approximately 11:13 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,900 block of North Cox Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Joseph Vera, 39, of Stillman Valley for driving while license revoked and speeding. Vera was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

On July 8 at approximately 11:56 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 72 near Interstate 39. After investigation, deputies arrested Sarah Riley, 34, of DeKalb, for possession of a controlled substance (crack/cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Riley was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she is being held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On July 8 at approximately 10:18 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at West Blackhawk Drive and Fox Run Lane in Byron. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Thomas B. Minton, 40, of Freeport, for driving while license suspended and for an active Stephenson County arrest warrant for failure to appear on driving while license suspended. Minton was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Minton was additionally cited for speeding 95 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour speed zone.

LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Check presented to Rochelle Area Community Foundation

From page 1

Ambulance

The council unanimously approved an ordinance accepting and approving a proposal from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. for the purchase of a new 2024 Horton ambulance for \$356,285. The ambulance will replace a 2001 ambulance. Foster Coach's was the only bid that the Rochelle Fire Department received when it solicited bids.

RFD Lt. Jason Underwood said the department already has one similar ambulance purchased through Foster Coach in 2021 that it's been happy with.

"It was the first time we bought an ambulance then in about eight years and we designed that ambulance and have had a couple of years to use it now and have really liked pretty much everything about it," Underwood said. "We've always had a tradition of trying to keep at least the first two ambulances very similar so people are familiar with both so in an emergency, they can find exactly what they're looking for. This will get us back to that."

Underwood said RFD will be able to move "a lot of" the equipment from the ambulance it's retiring onto the new ambulance.

City manager

The council unanimously approved a renewal of Fiegenschuh's employment agreement as city manager. The agreement runs concurrent with the term of Mayor John Bearrows, both ending in May 2027. The city manager's contract cannot extend longer than a mayor's current term.

Per his employment agreement, the mayor and council members will complete Fiegenschuh's



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh recognized City Finance Director Chris Cardott and Industrial Development Manager Peggy Friday with a Good News award for the city's recent receipt of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for the fourth straight year.

annual performance review by his anniversary date, Sept. 11, 2023.

Antenna

The council unanimously approved a resolution waiving competitive bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase, installation and maintenance of a new police and dispatch antenna for \$32,599 of parts and labor and \$2,100 of quarterly maintenance for all radio and dispatch equipment.

The antenna will be placed on the water tower near the high school.

A structural assessment was completed by Willett Hoffman & Associates and found the structure was sufficient to install the antenna. Currently the police officers' portable radios are only receiving 40 percent of the signal and many times no signal inside buildings. This antenna would bring the signal to 95 percent, Pavia said.

"Since I started here years ago, communication on our portable radios is down," Pavia said. "You go into a building or some areas of the city, you just can't hear. It's

a dangerous situation. Right now, 60 percent of the time our portable radios aren't working. It's unacceptable. This should eliminate any types of issues we have."

Officers

Pavia introduced two new RPD police officers, Adam Witt and Angel Rivera, who were recently sworn into duty. Both were lateral hires, meaning they came from other departments and did not have to be sent to the academy to be trained.

Following a number of recent retirements, RPD

is working to fill its roster and also currently has three officers attending the police academy that will graduate in August.

RACF

The city presented a check to Rochelle Area Community Foundation Executive Director Emily Anaya for \$34,185 from its employee giving program. This year, 50 city employees pledged to give and the city has donated \$117,795 to RACF over the five-year life of the program.

"Every donation counts and every dona-

tion matters," Anaya said. "We are truly appreciative of that. Thank you so much. We appreciate the partnership and it's very strong. Thank you so much for that."

Good News

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Kishwaukee College nursing program receives accreditation through 2030

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Registered Nursing program has received continuing accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) through Fall 2030. ACEN is a leading authority in nursing accreditation and provides specialized standards for

all levels of nursing education and transition-to-practice programs in the United States and internationally.

"It is an honor to receive continuing accreditation from ACEN and is a testament to the quality of our program and the outstanding efforts of our nursing faculty, staff and students," Angela Del-

mont, director of nursing at Kish, said.

Kish initially received accreditation through ACEN in September 2017. To continue its accredited status and remain in compliance with current nursing standards, the college underwent a peer review process by an ACEN evaluation team, including

a site visit in September 2022. The ACEN Board of Commissioners informed Kish of its continued accreditation in May.

Benefits of accreditation include improved employability of students who attended an accredited program, seamless transfer of college credits to additional undergrad-

uate or graduate nursing programs, eligibility for state and federal funding, and more, according to ACEN.

Students in Kishwaukee College's Registered Nursing program earn an associate degree in registered nursing while preparing for the National Council

Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). In 2022, Kishwaukee College students had an overall first-time pass rate of 83% for the NCLEX-RN, which is higher than state and national averages.

To learn more about Kish's Nursing program, visit kish.edu/nursing.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Chuck Roberts: Renaming of southern military bases

ACCORDING to historians, the American Civil War started because of the secession of the South from the Union. After the secession, the North slapped a blockade on southern ports, eventually leading to hostilities.

There were several issues that contributed to the south seceding from the union: the economics of cotton (the south supplied over 60 percent of the world's cotton), which was labor intensive provided primarily by slave labor, the right of the southern states to govern themselves, and taxation by the federal government benefiting the North which was detrimental to the South (Tariff of 1828, Tariff of 1832, Tariff of 1842).

The slave abolitionist movement in the northern

states, the fictional novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," that portrayed the life of slaves as harsh and galvanized those in the anti-slave movement, the Dred Scott decision where the U.S. Supreme Court denied standing to a slave who was attempting to buy freedom, which infuriated anti-slave factions in the North, and finally the election of Abraham Lincoln (who advocated against slavery) as president contributed to the response by the North to the secession by the South.

After over 100 years since the end of the conflict, the Civil War continues in spirit. When traveling in the southern states I'm often referred to as a Yankee by southern friends. These cultural differences based on the industrialized North and the agricultural South

survive today. Now comes the North in an attempt to erase history. The federal government is changing the name of southern military bases that were named after Civil War Confederate generals. They are responding to pressure from social movements who claim that these generals fought to preserve slavery which conflicts with the diversity and inclusivity advocated by the current administration.

For instance, Fort Gordon, Georgia, named after Civil War general, John Brown Gordon, will be named Fort Eisenhower, after Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower who was not a southerner. Gordon was born in Upson County, Georgia, and was a major in the Georgia State Militia. When the Civil War started, Georgia became part of the

Confederate States of America and Gordon, already in the State Militia, joined the Confederate Army. He rose to the rank of Major General and commanded troops during significant battles such as the Battle of Fort Stedman. After the war he became involved in politics and served as a U.S. Senator and Governor of Georgia. He advocated for reconciliation between the North and the South. Some consider Gordon a traitor since he fought for the Confederacy. Georgians consider him a hero because of his loyalty to the state, his skill as a general, his service as governor, efforts as senator and his work on reconstruction and reconciliation. As always, one person's hero is another person's traitor. It is unfortunate that Gordon's post war efforts in support

of reconstruction be erased simply because he fought on the side of the South.

In my opinion, this renaming of southern military bases is a mistake. Erasing aspects of history not liked by certain groups seems to be *modus operandi* today. Many Civil War generals exhibited skilled military prowess whose actions are currently studied by those in the military and those dedicated to military history. Early in the Civil War, the Confederacy almost won. The Confederacy was a significant opponent as indicated by the length of the war and the number of soldiers killed.

The obliteration of the names of prominent southerners simply because they are purported to be advocates of slavery has been an inconsistent endeavor. For

instance, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia was one of the longest serving senators in American history in the United States Congress from 1952 to 2010. Byrd's name is on prominent display on highways, bridges and buildings in West Virginia and in buildings in Washington D.C. It should be noted that Byrd was a high-ranking member of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization promoting slavery, in the early 1940s. Despite this, none of these monuments to Byrd have been removed.

The current administration's inconsistent application of their policy of diversity and inclusivity is apparent. As usual, we Yankees are very good at telling southerners what they should do, regardless of the inconsistencies.

Sarah Flanagan: July at the library

THE library has been bustling with activities for all ages throughout the summer months. We are beginning to start our July programming for all patrons. Be sure to check our Facebook page for up-to-date information. We are excited to see all of our patrons this summer and look forward to another fun month of library activities.

Happy Fourth of July week! We have books on

a variety of subjects but I would like to focus on the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore. The Statue of Liberty books are located in the 974.7 Dewey number. "The Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the United States and is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Oct. 28,

1886. It was designated as a National Monument in 1924. Employees of the National Park Service have been caring for the colossal copper statue since 1933. (<https://www.nps.gov/stli/index.htm>)

Mount Rushmore is another breathtaking landmark that is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. "George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln are

carved into the mountain at Mount Rushmore. Mount Rushmore National Memorial, established in 1925, features 60-foot sculptures of these four US presidents. The memorial, designed by sculptor Gutzon Borglum, covers 1,278.45 acres and sits 5,725 feet above sea level. Over the decades, Mount Rushmore has grown as a symbol of America — a symbol of freedom and a hope for people from all cultures and backgrounds.

Millions of people from all over the world visit annually to marvel at the majestic beauty of the Black Hills and to learn about the birth, growth, development and the preservation of the United States." (<https://www.nationalparks.org/explore/parks/mount-rushmore-national-memorial>) We have books on Mount Rushmore located in the Dewey number 978.2.

Come to the library and look for books on any

subjects that interest you. We would be happy to help you find your materials. The library is a great place to learn about the history of our country. Our nation is celebrating its 247th birthday this year. Come in and check-out your local library. Celebrate your Freedom to Read! See you at the Library.

Sarah Flanagan is the library director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District.

Letter to the Editor: The battle of the debt

DEAR editor,

With the corporate media announcement that the U.S. debt default had been averted came the usual media charade of Democrats against Republicans in the battle of the debt. As an independent I view it from a different position. Our debt crisis is the government of the corporation, by the corporation, for the corporation to come to bear its fruit.

First I point out that in 1938, then president Roosevelt with a front row seat to its creation, defined fascism to be control of the government by private interests. This is how I view the total control of our public airwaves that are supposed to be licensed to the people to serve the people. They really have become the perpetual property of private corporations to serve private corporate interests which includes controlling the government.

The corporate fascist media essentially guarantees that policies they oppose

will never be heard on public airwaves and thus, never become government policy. Only pseudo opposition is allowed on public airwaves where taboo topics are censored from all of their controlled broadcasts and this includes all presidential debates, which the corporate fascist media also controls.

A perfect example of media censorship of topics on public airwaves is the U.S. monetary system being nothing but a debt pyramid, of the banks, by the banks, for the banks. In fact, if all the debts, both government and private were to be paid off, the entire U.S. money supply would disappear and the entire economy would come crashing to a halt.

When banks such as Silicon Valley with over \$200 billion in assets collapse it points out the inherent defect of the entire banking system called fractional reserve banking, the mechanism by which banks inflate the money supply by loaning out money they are supposed to be keeping

in reserve for the protection of the depositors. To see how this works just search YouTube for the documentary, 'Money As Debt' or buy the book, 'The Creature From Jekyll Island'.

In 1938 a group of prominent U.S. economists at the University of Chicago looked at the banking disaster called the Great Depression and concluded that the Federal Reserve System, a private corporation, was unconstitutional and made the crises far worse and should be eliminated. They also determined that fractional reserve banking was the fuel that powered the failure of 9,000 commercial banks and the loss of \$140 billion in bank deposits. They proposed in what would be called 'The Chicago Plan for Monetary Reform' that only the government should have the power to create money and should spend - not loan - money into circulation on public infrastructure at a rate that would not create inflation. Banks should be required to keep 100 per-

cent reserves on demand deposits so that depositors are guaranteed that their money will always be there, especially during a financial crisis. Banks could only loan from time deposits.

During the Civil War President Lincoln had the U.S. Treasury issue government created money called greenbacks to pay for the war instead of sinking to the depths of private banker's debt for the profit of those private banks. On September 21, 2011, U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich introduced H.R.2990 - The National Emergency Employment Defense Act of 2011. This act included the essential parts of the Chicago Plan but died a quiet death in committee which the American public never heard about due to the corporate fascist media never allowing this information to be broadcast on public airwaves.

The corporate fascist media is protecting the corporate fascist Federal Reserve by never telling

the American public about government created money like that of the Civil War that would save the government and the taxpayers trillions of dollars in interest payments to the banks and the inherent instability of the debt pyramid called fraction reserve banking.

Another effect of the Federal Reserve system is the growing power of banks. In 1946 bank assets were about 75% of U.S. GDP where today they stand around 130%. The banks eventually will own the country. Now we have banks too large to fail and bankers too powerful to jail after the fiasco of 2008-2009. I believe both government and private debt are at a level of no return. We will eventually default and then the ultimate power of corporate fascist control - digital currency - will be proposed as the new solution, just like the Federal Reserve was proposed in 1913 as the new solution to financial depression.

To see the threat of

digital currencies here in the U.S., don't wait for the corporate fascist controlled public airwaves to have that story on the six o'clock news. Search the internet and you find conservative activists have had their bank accounts suspended. Chase Bank terminated the accounts of Laura Loomer, Enrique Tarrio, Martina Markota and Joe Biggs, who raised a big enough stink that Chase reluctantly gave his account back. This is the same technique used in communist China to shut down dissidents via China's social credit system.

The power of private corporations to silence critics of policies that the corporate fascist establishment supports not only includes censoring from all public airwaves but is now spreading to financial deplatforming. Welcome to the land of the free, home of the brave; corporate fascist style.

Steve O'Connor
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COMMUNITY



Rochelle Rotary Club names 2023-24 officers

At the Rochelle Rotary meeting on June 27, a new president was sworn in as well as her chosen board of directors. Adam Heal handed over the gavel to Michelle Pease. The club thanked Heal for all he did for Rotary in the past year to make a difference in the community. **2023-2024 officers - President: Michelle Pease; President Elect: Lance Charnock (C&S Flooring); Immediate Past President: Adam Heal (Crum Halsted); Secretary: Sarah Flanagan; Treasurer: Chuck Watkins; Member at Large: Greg Folmar (Holcomb Bank); Committee Chairs - Public Relations: Jeni Hardin (Focus House); Service: Josh Carney (Sumitomo Machinery); Foundation: Emily Anaya (Rochelle Area Community Foundation) and Club Administration: Jeff Fiegenschuh (Rochelle city manager).**

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

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July 13 – (Thursday) – Italian Sausage Pasta with Cream Sauce, Roasted Cauliflower, Dinner Rolls
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 12
Zach Walker
Gene Messer
Danica Thompson
Thayde Sullivan

July 13
Landon DuBourg

July 14
Eli Jones
Peggy Messer

July 15
Seriana Carpenter
Julia Jackson
Courtney Jones

July 17
Carolyn Overstreet

July 19
Eric & Katie Johnson (anniversary)

July 20
Courtney South
Corey Lawrence
Zack Lawrence
Aaron Doering

July 21
Gavin Arnold

July 22
Kayla Peterman
John & Deb Wooten (anniversary)
Alexie Smith

July 23
Elmer Lopez

July 24
Paige Komadina
Juliana Kann
Jackson Kann

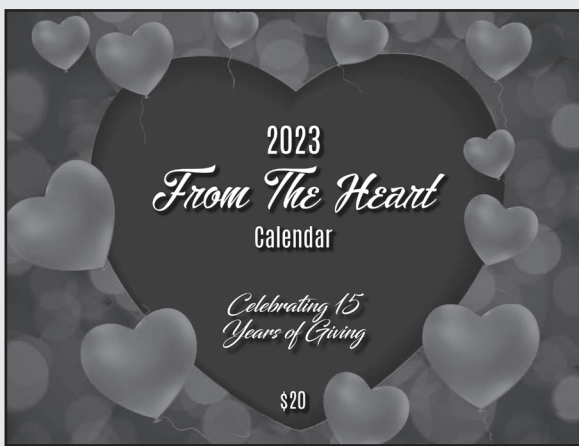
July 26
Jim Friestad

July 27
Brian & Kelly Smith (anniversary)
Pastor Angelo & Debbie Bonacquisti (anniversary)

July 28
Marisa McGuire

July 30
Spencer Kulwicki

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



- 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
- July 10 - Kevin Koch, Bozeman, Montana, \$25
- July 11 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- July 12 - Will Reis, Worthington, Ohio, \$25



Coffee Break

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ego
 - 5 Curved line
 - 8 Easy targets
 - 12 Geometric calculation
 - 13 "The Matrix" hero
 - 14 Conspiracy
 - 15 Elephant's ancestor
 - 17 Sultry Horne
 - 18 Low isle
 - 19 Pale yellow
 - 21 Rice recipe
 - 24 Colorations
 - 25 Landed
 - 26 Magazine staff listing
 - 30 Leary's drug
 - 31 Skin openings
 - 32 TiVo precursor
 - 33 Became an expert in
 - 35 Actress Ward
 - 36 — and crafts
 - 37 Cancel
 - 38 Where Gauguin painted
 - 41 Football filler
 - 42 Milky gem
 - 43 Large dogs
 - 48 Portrayal
 - 49 Yale grad
 - 50 Humdrum
 - 51 Apple product
 - 52 Game caller

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- DOWN**
- 1 America's uncle
 - 2 Historic time
 - 3 Guitar expert Paul
 - 4 Nabob
 - 5 Tennis champ Murray
 - 6 Old Olds
 - 7 Mixed up
 - 8 Swimming pool sound
 - 9 "Roots" author Haley
 - 10 Corn concotion
 - 11 Jazz great Getz
 - 16 Klutz
 - 20 Reply to "Shall we?"
 - 21 Tropical tree
 - 22 "Casablanca" role
 - 23 Pot covers
 - 24 Long-eared hoppers
 - 26 Philosopher Adler
 - 27 Always
 - 28 Rights org.
 - 29 Colorless
 - 31 Impudent
 - 34 Shadowed
 - 35 Writer
 - 37 Perch
 - 38 Actress Spelling
 - 39 Each
 - 40 Angelic light
 - 41 "Dream on!"
 - 44 Pub pint
 - 45 Winter ailment
 - 46 Distant
 - 47 HBO rival

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals S

CZJC HFCD, CAUX CXQD HNFTO
SJGDTX RJTQ XDC, SFC ZD RJK
LDCCAUL JGNFUO NU ENNC CN
CZD SDKC NE ZAK KCJSATACX.

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—The Living History Antique Equipment Association (LHAEA) of Franklin Grove is planning a Tractor Drive scheduled for July 22. The Drive will start at 9:30 am from the Organization's 20-acre showground facility, located 1 mile south of Franklin Grove. From the showgrounds the route will travel on some beautiful backroads toward Oregon, where participants will have an opportunity to eat lunch or grab an ice cream cone. After refreshments, the group will return to the showgrounds at approximately 2:30 pm, having

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SPORTS

Rochelle Little League

Senior League All-Stars win District 19 Championship

Rochelle clinches state tournament berth with wins over Rock Falls, Sterling

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STERLING—The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars went 2-0 to win the District 19 Championship baseball tournament over the weekend. Rochelle edged Rock Falls 13-12 on Thursday before defeating Sterling 14-6 at Gartner Park on Friday to clinch the district crown. Rochelle will advance to the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament in Burbank. The team will play its state game on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Rock Falls

Rochelle held a 3-1 lead over Rock Falls after the first inning on Thursday evening. Ethan Goodwin and Ryan Senne sparked the Rochelle offense with back-to-back singles before Reece Harris belted an inside-the-park home run to right-center field. Goodwin scored in the third inning, giving Rochelle a 4-1 advantage before Rock Falls responded with two runs

in the bottom of the frame. Caden Goodwin started on the mound, striking out four over three innings.

Rock Falls turned the game against Rochelle in the fifth inning, surging ahead 10-4 until the top of the sixth inning, where Senne blasted an inside-the-park grand slam to help Rochelle take a 12-10 lead after six frames. Rochelle added one more run in the top of the seventh inning, where Caden Goodwin walked and scored on a sacrifice fly from Daniel Betancourt.

Betancourt and Seth Ramos each pitched in the bottom of the seventh inning, limiting Rock Falls to two runs to preserve a one-run victory. Senne pitched the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Sterling

Both teams went scoreless over the first two innings before Rochelle tallied four runs behind bases hits from Caden Goodwin, Ethan Goodwin, Ryan Senne and Reece Harris in the third inning. Sterling fired back

with three runs in the bottom of the third inning as well as one run in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie the score at 4-4. Ethan Goodwin started the game for the Rochelle All-Stars, throwing five innings and accumulating 95 pitches with seven strikeouts.

A base hit from Senne and an RBI triple from Harris enabled Rochelle to take a 6-4 lead in the top of the fifth inning. Rochelle compiled four runs in the top of the sixth inning, where Daniel Betancourt and Ethan Goodwin notched base hits before coming home on a three-run triple from Senne. Sterling tallied one run in the bottom of the sixth inning, making the score 10-5.

Ethan Goodwin singled and Senne doubled to help Rochelle plate two runs in the top of the seventh inning. Seth Ramos pitched the final two innings for Rochelle, striking out four batters and holding Sterling to only one run in the bottom of the seventh inning.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars scored back-to-back wins over Sterling to claim the 2023 District 19 Championship title. The team includes Brody Ellis, Caden Goodwin, Seth Ramos, Reece Harris, Brock Needs, Declan McGee, Tony Milburn, Daniel Betancourt, Ethan Goodwin, James Hook, Mason Moore and Ryan Senne. The team is coached by David Needs, Bill Ellis and Jason Goodwin.



Rochelle Little League hosts in-house Minor League Baseball All-Star Game on Saturday

Rochelle Little League celebrated its Minor League baseball season with an in-house all-star game at Bill Wilkinson Field on Saturday evening. The two teams were comprised of players from all six Minor League teams, with players from Bruns Construction, Hayden Real Estate and Tess, Crull & Arnquist battling players from Dimond Bros Insurance, Jeff Perry and Prescott Brothers Ford. The players selected to participate include Zayden Kimbro, Grayson Dettman, Elliot Huff, Felix Belmonte, Wells Millard, Jacob Chadwick, LJ Bingham, Gwen Good, Bryce Adolph, Bentley Rogde, Tanner Dixon, Max Harley, Remy Hunley, Michael Vaughn, Connor Isley, Chase Olsen, Isaac Spangler, Jackson Noble, Paul Olszewski and Paul Martinez Jr.

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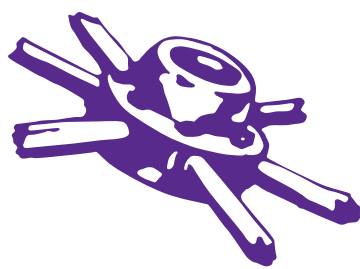


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Former Rochelle student-athlete Cooper Hasz appeared in 31 games with 12 starts during his freshman season with the Kishwaukee College men's basketball team.

Hasz adjusts to new role at Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Rochelle student-athlete Cooper Hasz saw his confidence and his skills grow as he progressed through his freshman basketball season with Kishwaukee College this past year.

Transitioning into a new program and a new position on the court, Hasz began preparing for his freshman season as early as last August, when the team came together to begin conditioning for the 2022-23 campaign. The 6-foot-5 forward overcame the learning curve that came with his new role with the Kougars, ultimately appearing in 31 games during his freshman season, where he averaged 5.7 points and 5.9 rebounds per game on just under 50 percent shooting.

"The conditioning is a big difference between high school and college," Hasz said. "I was playing in the post a lot more than I was in high school and I didn't have a lot of confidence when I was still figuring everything out during the first half of the season. I started to play with more confidence over the second half of the season and things started to go a lot better for me."

Hasz started 12 games for the Kougars, recording a team-leading 1.7 blocks per game on the defensive side of the court. The RTHS alum notched his first collegiate double-double during Kishwaukee College's game against Bryant & Stratton College on Jan. 28, when he scored

16 points and grabbed a season-high 21 rebounds including 14 offensive rebounds. Hasz scored 10 or more points in six games and collected 10 or more rebounds in three games.

"Every team we play is good and we have to watch film, make adjustments and focus on all of the little things so we can stay ahead of our opponents," Hasz said. "I think that all of my skills have improved because we've been working all year long. I'm more comfortable on the court and my IQ has gotten better, which has helped me control the court and see all of the moving pieces as opposed to just focusing on myself. That was a huge reason for my improvement."

Hasz earned his third collegiate double-double against Aurora University JV on Feb. 23, scoring 16 points to tie his season-best mark while pulling down 11 rebounds. The former Hub also netted a double-double against Sauk Valley Community College on Feb. 7, compiling 12 points and 11 rebounds. Hasz, who's studying for his associate's degree in engineering, said his goals for his sophomore season are to make continued improvements individually and as a team.

"We've been doing summer workouts twice a week and we'll start going six days a week in August," Hasz said. "My goals are to get better and to be more of a leader since we have a lot of freshmen coming in. We didn't do very well as a team this past season, but we have two teams leaving our conference this coming season and I think we have a chance to win a regional."

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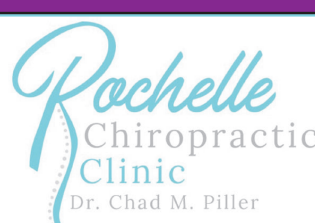
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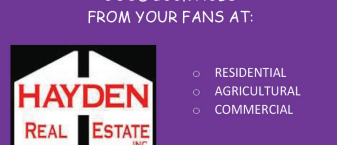
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FINDING HIS ROLE

RTHS alum Cooper Hasz recorded three double-doubles at Kishwaukee College.

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Rochelle Little League

District 19 winners

12U Baseball All-Stars finish 3-0 in district tourney at Floyd J. Tilton Park

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars concluded the District 19 Championship tournament on Sunday afternoon, cruising over Freeport 15-5 to finish the tournament with a 3-0 record and take the crown. Rochelle reached the finals after defeating Sterling 12-0 on Friday evening and topping Freeport 12-2 in the first round on Wednesday.

Freeport

Rochelle struck first in the championship game against Freeport, tallying two runs in the bottom of the first inning after Nolan Zick and Mikey Chadwick each scored on wild pitches. Freeport surged ahead in the top of the second inning, rallying for four runs on two singles and an RBI groundout to take a 4-2 lead. Rochelle tied the score in the bottom of the second inning, where Sergio Cervantes scored on a wild pitch and Zick placed an RBI single to score Elijah Good.

After a scoreless third frame, Rochelle scratched five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to command a 9-4 advantage. Vaughn Manning scored on

a wild pitch and Joey Chadwick scored on an error, giving Rochelle a 6-4 lead before Jasper Macklin's two-run single into center plated Cervantes and Gabe Bybee. Good capped off the frame with an RBI groundout to second base.

Freeport's final run came on a fielder's choice grounder in the top of the fifth inning. Rochelle clinched the win and the district championship with six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, where Declan McKinney blasted a three-run double into left field to put Rochelle ahead 12-5. Cervantes followed with an RBI single and Macklin belted an RBI double two batters later. Bybee sealed the victory for the Rochelle All-Stars, scoring on a wild pitch with two outs.

Good, Macklin and Zick each totaled two hits in the game, while Riley Smith struck out three batters over two innings pitched. Good and Korbin Milos combined to throw the final three frames for the Rochelle All-Stars, with Milos tallying one strikeout.

Sterling

Rochelle took a 4-0 lead against Sterling in the semifinal round on Friday, tallying four runs in the top of the first inning. Korbin



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The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars went 3-0 to claim the District 19 Championship tournament title on Sunday. The team includes Kolton Cragin, Joey Chadwick, Korbin Milos, Declan McKinney, Mikey Chadwick, Elijah Good, Vaughn Manning, Nolan Zick, Riley Smith, Sergio Cervantes, Gabe Bybee and Jasper Macklin. The team is coached by Paul Chadwick, Kris Milos and Mike Chadwick.

Milos ignited the offense with a two-run single before scoring on Vaughn Manning's sacrifice fly to right field. Sergio Cervantes reached on a fielding error near the end of the frame, allowing Joey Chadwick to score after drawing a two-out walk.

Rochelle added four more runs in the top of

the third inning, where Manning slapped an RBI triple before scoring on an error. Chadwick walked and scored on a wild pitch before Gabe Bybee smacked an RBI single to put Rochelle ahead 8-0. Rochelle iced the victory with a four-run effort in the top of the fourth inning, where Mikey Chadwick

sent an RBI groundout to the pitcher and Nolan Zick scored on a wild pitch to give the Rochelle All-Stars a 10-0 lead.

Joey Chadwick hit a hard grounder and reached on an error to score Riley Smith two batters later. Milos then scored on a wild pitch, giving Rochelle a 12-0 advantage entering

the bottom of the fourth inning, where Sterling was sent down in order to end the game. Declan McKinney started on the mound for Rochelle, throwing three frames and striking out two batters. Manning recorded the final three outs on the pitcher's mound, striking out one batter in one inning.

Rochelle Little League

12U Softball All-Stars win District 19 Championship

Rochelle qualifies for state tournament with victories over Freeport, Sterling

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FREEPORT — The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars claimed the District 19 Championship tournament title for the second consecutive summer, cruising over Freeport 16-5 on Saturday afternoon. Rochelle opened the tournament with a thrilling 6-5 win against Sterling on Friday, when Jamie Riddell secured the victory with a walk-off RBI double.

Freeport

Rochelle fell behind early in the championship game, with Freeport tallying three runs on one single and two passed balls. Rochelle answered with a five-run rally in the bottom of the first inning, where Ariana Hueramo belted a lead-off double and scored on Chloe Escatel's RBI single to right field. Elise Hardcastle and Mya Martinez followed with back-to-back RBI singles, giving Rochelle a 3-2 lead before Riddell smacked an RBI double into center field.

Isadora Hueramo capped off the five-run frame with an RBI groundout to third base. Freeport responded

with one run in the top of the second inning, making the score 5-4 before Mayson Smardo walked and scored on a wild pitch for Rochelle in the bottom of the second inning. An RBI double enabled Freeport to make the score 6-5 in the top of the third inning.

Rochelle broke the game wide open in the bottom of the third inning, exploding for 10 runs to command a 16-5 advantage. Escatel walked and scored on a wild pitch before Martinez smashed an RBI double to bring home Hardcastle. Hueramo grounded into a fielder's choice to score Martinez and Cali Metzger added an RBI single to put Rochelle ahead 10-5.

Alivia Law singled in the next at-bat, with two runners scoring on errors to give Rochelle a 12-5 advantage. Hailey Chapman's RBI groundout and Clara Millard's RBI single plated two more runners, putting Rochelle ahead 14-5 before Millard scored on a wild pitch and Makenzie Johnson laced an RBI single to score Neveah Lira. Rochelle worked around a lead-off single from Freeport in the top of the fourth inning, recording three straight outs

for the victory.

Escatel and Martinez each pitched two innings for Rochelle, combining for six strikeouts and only four hits allowed. Martinez went 2-for-2 with two RBIs to lead the Rochelle offense.

Sterling

Rochelle conceded the early lead against Sterling on Friday, falling behind 1-0 after Sterling hit an RBI double in the top of the first inning. Rochelle fired back with three runs in the bottom of the first inning, where Ariana Hueramo walked and scored on a wild pitch before Mya Martinez sent an RBI single to the shortstop side, scoring Elise Hardcastle and giving Rochelle a 2-1 lead. Martinez scored on a passed ball to cap off the three-run frame for the Rochelle All-Stars.

Cali Metzger singled and scored on a wild pitch to put Rochelle ahead 4-1 in the bottom of the second inning. Sterling responded with one run in the top of the third inning and two runs in the top of the sixth inning, tying the score at 4-4 and sending the game into extra innings. An RBI single to left field enabled Sterling to command a 5-4 lead in the



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars won the District 19 Championship tournament on Saturday, defeating Freeport 16-5. The team includes Cali Metzger, Chloe Escatel, Makenzie Johnson, Ariana Hueramo, Elise Hardcastle, Ella Behrens, Alivia Law, Isadora Hueramo, Clara Millard, Jamie Riddell, Mya Martinez, Mayson Smardo, Hailey Chapman and Neveah Lira. The team is coached by Kevin Behrens, Ally Reish and Lori Behrens.

top of the seventh inning.

With Rochelle needing one run to tie and two to win the game, Hueramo slapped a lead-off single and Martinez tied the score with

an RBI single to second base in the bottom of the seventh inning. Alivia Law drew a one-out walk in the next at-bat, putting two runners on base for Riddell, who

blasted a game-winning RBI double to left that brought Martinez home. Ella Behrens started on the mound striking out 10 batters over six innings pitched.