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County board passes new ordinances Oregon's Radostits recognized as Illinois Teacher of the Year

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board unanimously passed three ordinances and unanimously repealed its previous solar resolution to meet a recently-passed state statute that sets statewide standards for wind and solar farm siting and takes away previous local controls such as at the county level.

Back in early 2019, the Ogle County board approved a solar resolution providing conditions for a special use permit for solar farms. That resolution was repealed Tuesday. The board made text amendments to its zoning ordinance Tuesday and also passed wind energy facilities and solar energy facilities siting and operation ordinances.

Back in January, the board unanimously passed a resolution opposing House Bill 4412, due to its desire to keep local control. At its February meeting, the board heard comments from multiple county residents that were against more wind and solar power in the county, especially on



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a large scale near homes and farms.

The Ogle County Board established an ad-hoc committee to work on the solar and wind issue to meet state statutes. The wind ordinance is the county's first. Board Member Dan

Janes presented the changes and gave his thoughts on the state legislation.

"This was created by a group from Cook County and downtown Chicago," Janes said. "The funny thing is they're exempt because it does not affect any

counties with two million or more people. And you can guess how many counties in Illinois meet that criteria. It's don't do as I do, do as I say."

Janes thanked the ad-hoc committee and the zoning board for their work on the

topic.

"Everything is functioning extremely well to get to this end," Janes said. "Because there's a lot of counties that aren't quite there yet."

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Record turnout for 'Cop on a Rooftop' event for Special Olympics Illinois 'Everyone just stopping by and seeing us... it's just a great time'

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"If you donate enough money, you can get us off that roof. That's the idea of this," RPD Interim Chief Pete Pavia said. "The day has been fantastic. I think we have a record turnout this year. It was raining earlier, but now we're good to go. About an hour ago, it was just packed. Everyone just stopping by and seeing us and talking with us, it's just a great time."

Cop on a Rooftop is the first of RPD's summer events. It will hold its Law Enforcement Torch Run, also to benefit Special Olympics Illinois, on June 7 and it will host the com-



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munity for National Night Out on Aug. 1. Pavia said he enjoys events where he and members of the department can interact with the community.

"It's the best way to get to

know us," Pavia said. "They see us in an official capacity when we're working, but at events like this they can talk with us normally. Not on a call. They can put a face and a name to us and

we're approachable. We can't do our job without the help of the community. Events like this just help that tremendously."

The entire department gets involved for Cop on

a Rooftop, Pavia said, including off-duty officers and dispatchers, even those who worked the night shift Thursday evening.

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# LOCAL NEWS



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The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner and awards night on Thursday at the Kennay Farms Distilling Rick House. The event saw nine local businesses honored for their work in the past year, including Studio C Dance, Hub-Remsen Print Group, Down Range LLC, Alfano's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant, Benny's Corner Market, Beauty Bar, Prescott Brothers Ford, Unger-Horner Funeral Home and VFW Post 3878.

## Businesses awarded at 2023 Chamber dinner event

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Chamber Executive

Director Tricia Herrera opened the night with a speech.

"We are thrilled to be here with our members celebrating the past year," Herrera said. "We are proud to say that our membership numbers have hit the 300 mark. Our focus is to help each and every member grow, expand and prosper. We're inspired by all of the young entrepreneurs who

have joined us this year and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them."

The awards portion of the night began with Cecilia Stover of Studio C Dance winning the young entrepreneur of the year award. Chamber Board Member Haley Brill presented the honor.

"We're so happy that she came home to Rochelle to open her own studio to

teach the art of dance while instilling confidence and community pride in her students," Brill said. "We know she's going to go far and we're so honored it will be in our community."

The Haas family and Hub-Remsen Print Group won the family business of the year award. The honor was presented by Chamber Board President Kari Andrist.

"They're involved in the community and behind the scenes helping to spread the word about programs in Rochelle," Andrist said. "They also help businesses promote themselves by designing products and materials that best fit each business. They always have a smile on their faces and top-notch customer service."

Down Range LLC re-

ceived the small business of the year award on Thursday. The honor was presented by Chamber Board Member and City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

"He shows a level of commitment to his business that inspires me to be a better city manager and public servant," Fiegenschuh said.

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**Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows (left) and Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera (right) speak during the chamber's annual awards dinner at Kennay Farms Distillery. Nine local businesses were presented with awards during the dinner event.**

## CHAMBER: Local businesses honored at dinner event

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"Matt started Down Range as a home business and it's grown into what it is today. It's now a brick and mortar business that is Northern Illinois' premier firearms instruction, safety and sales organization."

Alfano's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant won the restaurant of the year award for the second year in a row on Thursday. The honor was presented by Chamber Board Vice President Josh Williams.

"They're consistently a standard that other businesses mark themselves by," Williams said. "They show community pride in support for our schools, nonprofits and first responders. You can find them greeting customers in the dining room like they're family. They always have a smile to share. They've passed their excellent work ethic down to their children, which lets the community know that their legacy will be around for years to come."

Benny's Corner Market received the retailer of

the year award. Chamber Board Treasurer Brandon Sveta was the award's presenter.

"They do a tremendous job of showing what it means to be part of the community," Sveta said. "They transformed a once-empty corner lot into a thriving hub that brings people in from all over the area. They make a point to support other small businesses within our community and offer a great storefront to display, sell and grow."

The welcome to Rochelle award was presented to Beauty Bar. Andrist presented the honor to the business's owners.

"They've recently purchased and renovated a beautiful downtown location," Andrist said. "They're all entrepreneurs and have added so many services, adapting to the needs of our community. They provide a breath of fresh air in all that they do, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them."

The legacy award was presented to Ung-

er-Horner Funeral Home. Chamber Board Member Matt Gerard presented the honor. Unger-Horner Funeral Home has served the community since 1861 and is a multiple-generation family business.

"This is a business in our community that has offered superior service to the Rochelle community for generations," Gerard said. "They provide comfort, care and compassion to clients. They provide exactly what is needed with grace and the utmost professionalism. We are so fortunate to have them in our community and want them to know how appreciated and respected they are."

The community partner award was presented to Prescott Brothers Ford. The honor was presented by Chamber Board Member Kris Wexell, who told the story of seeking out a new host for the community's two-ton food drive.

"We used to raise two tons of food and about \$2,000 to help those in need," Wexell said. "After we moved it to Prescott

Brothers Ford, we raised over \$12,000 the first year and last year over \$10,000 for the Rochelle Christian Food Pantry. They're an organization filled with positive, forward-thinking team members and we're glad to have them in our membership."

Finally, Herrera's director's award was presented to VFW Post 3878. She recognized the VFW and its leadership for its work as a nonprofit staple in Rochelle with a passion for helping its members

and others in the community.

"Their day-to-day goal is simple: To help," Herrera said. "They're always been creative with fundraising, but in the past couple of years they've been creative with how to do more. Their services have expanded to offer lunches and a Queen of Hearts night that has taken off. They've given back thousands of dollars to other nonprofits. They not only use the funds for their programs, but they

share with others in our community."

Mayor John Bearrows spoke to close to the event and thanked the chamber and its businesses for their work over the past year.

"Congratulations to all of the winners," Bearrows said. "But, each and every one of our businesses is a winner. You all play an important, integral part in the success of the City of Rochelle. In order to make that chain of success happen, it takes every business up and down the street."

## POLICE: 'Cop on a Rooftop' held Friday

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Pavia thanked the community for its support of the department and Special Olympics Illinois. Friday's event was his first as interim

chief.

"We've had so many people come out today just for this," Pavia said. "They came here to see us and make a donation. It's just great. I can't say enough about it. We really

appreciate it. It's great to do this for the first time as chief. I was so excited about it this morning. I wanted to come in early even though I was going to be here all day. I couldn't wait."



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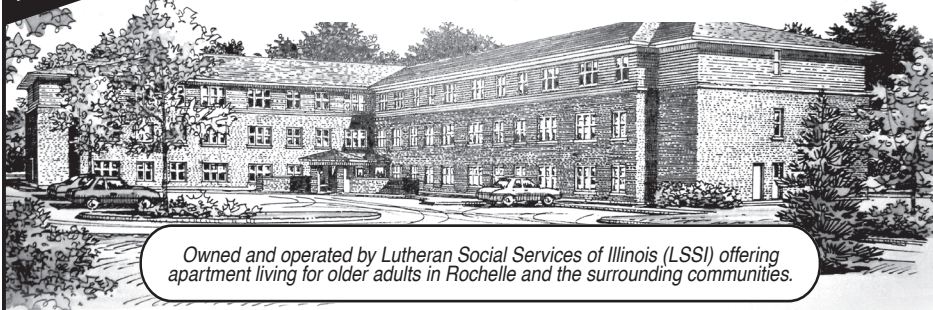
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

### Deputies notified of car in ditch

**OREGON** — On May 15 at 3:51 a.m. deputies were notified of a car in the ditch at South Garnhart Road just south of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, Daniel Enriquez, 42, of Belvidere, was placed under arrest for driving while license revoked. Enriquez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On May 16 at approximately 9:19 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of North River Road. After a brief investigation, Adam Nambo, 42, of Rockford, was placed under arrest for no valid driver's license.

## Rochelle Police Department

### Officers issue two arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On May 17 at 4:28 a.m. Gloribel Turcios, 46, of Rochelle was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She signed a promise to comply and was given a June 16 Rochelle court date.

On May 17 at 2:06 p.m.

Nambo was also cited for suspended registration/non-Insured and released on scene with a return court date.

On May 16 at approximately 6:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of South Illinois Route 251. After a brief investigation, Joseph Willis, 40, of Rochelle, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Willis was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Willis was also issued a citation for no front registration.

On May 17 at 7:40 p.m. deputies were dispatched to a disturbance in the

10,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. As a result, Brenden M. Harms, 20, of Polo, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Harms was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On May 18 at 5:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,000 block of East Flagg Road. After investigation, Corey Shugart, 47, of Prophetstown, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Shugart was released on an individual bond with a return court date set.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Ogle County warrants and transferred.

On May 18 at 8:04 p.m. Christina Pelayo, 45, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespassing and transferred.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Obituaries

### Joan H. Mershon

**DEKALB** — Joan H. Mershon, 82, of Dekalb passed away on May 18, 2023. Joan was born on Aug. 25, 1940 in Rochelle to Lawrence and Mildred (Martz) Gibson.

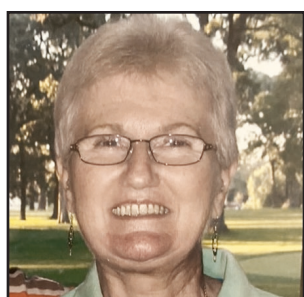
Joan enjoyed playing golf, as well as playing cards such as Euchre. She also enjoyed taking pictures of anything she could. She loved animals, especially cats and dogs.

Joan is survived by her son, Randy (Michelle)

Mershon of Dekalb; twograndchildren, Reed and Jacob; As well as a sister, Judy Gibson of Rochelle.

She is preceded in death by both parents and her husband, Ronald Mershon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ProMedica Hospice.

A graveside service will be held at 10 A.M. on Monday, May 22, 2023 at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Funeral arrange-



ments were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com](http://www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com)



### Devers wins 2023 RTHS Chess Tournament

**Rochelle Township High School's Chess and After School Board Game Club annual tournament was Tuesday. About 15 kids played on their computers in the Library Media Center. Advisors Ryne Vrana and Will Wise said the finals were played on the board. Winners were: Stephen Devers, first; Max Julian, second, Aiden Ramsey, third and William S. Wise IV was fourth.**

## RTHS hosts 38th annual art show

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Township High School art department had its 38th annual art show on May 11. Over 250 works in 13 different categories were on display.

"The night was a celebration for everyone in our art community," art teacher Andrea DeKing said. "The artworks on display document our students' growth and personal connection. Hosting the Art Show is one of my top favorite parts of my job. It allows Mrs. Mock and I to share what we see every day in a formal setting for our amazing community."

The judges for the show this year were Mr. John Dobbs, Ms. Lillian Andrew, Mrs. Laurie Pillen, Mr. Corey Ellis and Dr. Chris Lewis. The feedback from the judges was that they were impressed with all the works which made judging it a very difficult job. However, one work that did stand out was first place in pastel/charcoal, best of show, and

principal's award-winning piece, "Surprise" by Alivia Henkel. This piece is pastel and charcoal on a grocery bag. Its unique combination of media and expressive pose (of friend Anna Toczyłowski) really set this work apart.

"From the start I knew this work was going to be special," art teacher Beth Mock said. "Her project plan really hits on all three concepts we explore in advanced art: engaging subject, strong composition and technical skill with media. Plus it just makes you smile."

Other first place winners of the night were: seniors Marisa Whaley in both painting and pencil and Dylan Benge in computer art, juniors Kennedy Underwood in mixed media, Anna Toczyłowski in sculpture, Anahi Alanis in miscellaneous, Kasey Jones in ink/marker, Noe Valdez in traditional ceramics, Bradon Orozco in altered ceramics, sophomores Denia Rincon in color pencil and Julissa Torres in printmaking, and freshman Rowyn Shuning in photography.

In addition to all the ribbons awarded, Golden K/Kiwanis was at the show to present their art scholarship. This is a \$785 scholarship to Northern Illinois University's visual art camp given annually to an outstanding artist entering 10-12th grades.

In the past, this scholarship was given to one RTHS student, but this year the entries were so strong that



(COURTESY PHOTO)  
**"Surprise" by Alivia Henkel (below) won best of show at the 38th Annual RTHS art show on May 11.**

Kiwanis decided to not only award one scholarship, but two. The scholarship went to Underwood and Jones.

"This scholarship is a great opportunity for our students," Mock said. "It gives them the opportunity to experience what college art classes are like while living and attending classes on NIU's campus for a week. We are very grateful to Golden K for supporting

our kids and the arts."

"The end of the year art show is always an exciting event for our students and was extra special with Kiwanis present to give their scholarships," DeKing said. "The show allows our art students to shine and show off all their hard work from the year. We are very proud of all of our art students and what they have been able to accomplish."



### Hammonds to celebrate 50th anniversary

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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY: Caposey honored for Superintendent of the Year Award

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### Radostits

The board and Regional Superintendent of Schools Chris Tennyson recognized Oregon High School teacher Kim Radostits for her 2022 Illinois Teacher of the Year honor at the meeting. Radostits was recently one of the finalists for National Teacher of the Year. She serves OHS as a Spanish teacher and has spent her entire career with the school. Radostits has spent the past year as Illinois Teacher of the Year on a state-sponsored sabbatical, speaking at conferences and visiting schools across the state to share information about her work at OHS.

“I am who I am as a result of 37 years of experiences and people who believed in me so that I could help others,” Radostits said. “I still get emotional about this particular award even though it was announced in March 2022. I’ve spent my entire career in Oregon and I’ve carried Hawk pride in every experience I’ve had as Illinois Teacher of the

Year.” Radostits has had the chance to join the other 54 state teachers of the year at five national events. That included a week in Washington D.C.

“Three weeks ago I was sitting in the rose garden at a ceremony celebrating teachers,” Radostits said. “And I was sitting three feet away from President Biden and Dr. Jill Biden as they talked about the teaching profession. I spent the entire ceremony thinking about experiences I’ve had here in Oregon for the past 16 years.”

### Caposey

Tennyson and the board also recognized Meridian School District Superintendent PJ Caposey for his 2023 Illinois Superintendent of the Year honor. Caposey was unable to attend the meeting, but Tennyson sang his praises.

“When someone wins state superintendent of the year, and then makes the top four for superintendent of the nation, that’s a pretty big deal,” Tennyson said. “And a lot of times they move on

to bigger and better things. It’s so exciting to me as a regional superintendent that the Oregon School District has locked Dr. Caposey in to take over as superintendent after Dr. Mahoney retires. He’ll be here serving the students and families in Oregon for a long time.”

### Public safety

The board heard an update from Larson & Darby Group CEO Steve Nelson. The engineering firm is in the midst of looking at improvements to the Ogle County Public Safety Campus, which houses the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office and its maintenance department.

Nelson and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle said there are multiple deteriorating buildings on the campus and Larson & Darby Group has been looking at a number of concepts for its future including demolition of those buildings, new construction, and short-term repairs at a lower cost. Issues with the buildings have included roof failures and drainage.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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VanVickle said the roof of one of the buildings partially collapsed three weeks ago and water leaks have been an issue since 2017.

“There’s probably between \$2.5-3.5 million worth of equipment in that building right now,” VanVickle said. “Obviously that’s a concern. We’re going to have to do something moving forward with what this looks like. It’s coming much quicker than we think. I think there’s some short-term and long-term

options we’ll look at.”

### IGA

The board unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Davis Junction to hire a consultant to look at the Orchard Hills Landfill to see what types of waste it’s made up of.

The village and county have been engaged in a multi-year negotiation process with Waste Management and its predecessors in interest of new

host agreements to better account for the types of waste being transported to and disposed at the landfill, and the tipping fees paid on that waste.

### Old jail site

Board Member Don Griffin said that at next month’s meeting, the board will review bid documents for the finishing of the parking lot and sidewalks at the former site of the recently-demolished Ogle County Jail.

*Rochelle Area*

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**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](mailto:staff@calvarylighthouse.com)

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**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](mailto:Pastor@faithlrochelle.org) for more information. All are welcome to join us!

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**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.

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

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# COMMUNITY



**Patel awarded \$1,000 Illinois State Organization NSDAR scholarship**  
Regent Laurie Perry of the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was pleased to present the \$1,000 Illinois State Organization, NSDAR general scholarship to Zalak Patel (left). Patel was awarded one of only 10 ILDAR general scholarships that are available to students who will be attending a college or university in Illinois. Applications must be submitted each year by Feb. 1 to a sponsoring DAR Chapter. For more information, contact the Rochelle Chapter at <https://ildar.org/chapters/rochelle/pages/contact.html>

## Ricketts graduates from Central College

**PELLA, Iowa** — Central College students who were celebrated during commencement 2023 on Saturday, May 13, in the P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium. Ricketts earned a bachelor's degree cum laude, majoring in economics.

## Engelkes named to dean's list at ONU

**BOURBONNAIS** — Emily Engelkes of Rochelle was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently-completed spring 2023 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>May 21</b> Heather Flores Heidi Bonilla Brad & Kelly Arnold (anniversary)	<b>May 25</b> John & Kristi Gonzales (anniversary) Dorothy Lockard
<b>May 22</b> John Gonzales	<b>May 27</b> Leland Hazlip
<b>May 24</b> Katie Sherburne Dave & Mary Helfrich (anniversary)	<b>May 29</b> Tristan Perkins Kathy Marchesi

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



- Apr. 26 - Comfort Inn & Suites, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 27 - Sallie Lord, Fishers, Indiana, \$25
- Apr. 28 - Deanna Hill, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 29 - Chris Sawlsville, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 30 - Sherri Salsbury, Oregon, \$50
- May 1 - Chuck Kessen, Rochelle, \$25
- May 2 - Alex Dyer, Rochelle, \$25
- May 3 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
- May 4 - Donna Durham, Rochelle, \$25
- May 5 - Ronny Alvarez, DeKalb, \$25
- May 6 - John Zhe, Rochelle, \$25
- May 7 - RACF, \$50
- May 8 - Shelly Crownheart, Sterling, \$25
- May 9 - City of Rochelle, \$25
- May 10 - The Kitchen Table, \$25
- May 11 - John Dreska, Lindenwood, \$25
- May 12 - Charlie Boonstra, Dixon, \$25
- May 13 - RACF, \$25
- May 14 - Alexis Wooden, Paw Paw, \$500
- May 15 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- May 16 - Brittani Lambrecht, South Beloit, \$25
- May 17 - Tammy Burke, Oregon, \$25
- May 18 - Megan Dempsey, Dixon, \$25
- May 19 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
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- May 21 - Rochelle Fire Fighter Social, \$50
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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: STAR — BANNER

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### Super Crossword

Answers: 1. Sneaker is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Paper is smaller. 4. String is missing. 5. Sail is different. 6. Log is missing.

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sneaker is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Paper is smaller. 4. String is missing. 5. Sail is different. 6. Log is missing.

## Super Crossword

### INITIAL WORDS

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Jacob bought his birthright	1 Many an alimony recipient
5 City in Pennsylvania	2 Sports domes
12 Hooting avian	3 Haul in
15 Factory type	4 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
19 Pibb — (soda brand)	5 Year, in Paris
20 Kenya's capital	6 Pilsners, e.g.
21 Foot digit	7 Arena section
22 Vicinity	8 Mined metals
23 U.S. president ordering steeds to turn right?	9 "Ni-i-ice!"
26 Have a strong desire	10 Spurs' gp.
27 Ending for cyan-	11 Website for finding homestays
28 Turns sharply	12 Lazy or useless
29 Winter footwear item	13 Refuses to
30 Styx and The Stones	14 Table support
31 More suspicious	15 Old Testament prophet
33 Inclined positions	16 Steam locomotive, in old lingo
35 "Da Ali G Show" star — Baron Cohen	17 Listen supportively
36 Taken in food	18 Dawdles
37 Women's suffragist keeping an apilary?	19 Show clearly
42 I, to Freud	20 Voluptuous
44 Speak wildly	21 Have a strong desire
45 "Absolutely not!"	22 Deep bows of respect
46 "Dallas" actress fancying blue birds?	23 They precede omegas
53 Lumber tool	24 Show clearly
54 Underworld	25 Heap affection (on)
55 Disprove	26 Swung sticks
56 Otherwise called, in brief	27 Generational treasures
57 Some city planners	28 "Is" pluralized
60 Big, ornate cupboard	29 One ousted
62 Send off	30 Have a strong desire
63 Historic time	31 "talk?" (Joan Rivers catchphrase)
64 Tuskegee University founder steeping beverages?	32 Prefix with discrimination
71 Kitten's call	33 "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"
72 Gal pal, in Paris	34 Prefix with discrimination
73 Receptacle in a kitchen sink	35 — -cone
75 Trees with very light wood	36 Europe-Asia border river
78 Performed	37 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
79 Car parker	38 Runner or writer Packer
82 Road runner	39 Conifers with red arils
83 Fruit drink	40 Israelites
84 "Hidden Figures" actress growing podded vegetables?	41 Old TV's "Na Na"
87 Placed in a carafe	42 Basil or sage
	43 Sailor's saint
	44 Razz
	45 Tibetan monk
	46 Pair for the slopes
	47 Sacred vow
	48 Summits
	49 Assns.
	50 Novelist Hawthorne
	51 Big furniture retailer
	52 She baas
	53 "And there you have it!"
	54 Muslim ruler
	55 Verdi opera
	56 It's a thought
	57 Musical work
	58 Post-WWII alliance
	59 Prefix with discrimination
	60 "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"
	61 Cutely nerdy, in slang
	62 Actor
	63 Short snooze

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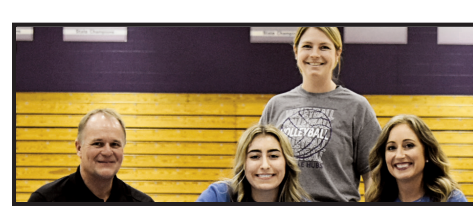
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# Mental Health AWARENESS MONTH

# SPORTS



### HALE TO MILLIKIN

RTHS senior Payton Hale will play volleyball at Millikin University next year.

See page 2 for more details

## Senior foursome honored

### Lady Hubs fall against Dixon in extra-inning Senior Night thriller on Tuesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Some baserunning magic in the bottom of the seventh inning allowed the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team to extend Tuesday evening’s nonconference Senior Night matchup against the Dixon Duchesses into extra frames. Rochelle would need another late-inning rally as the team faced a one-run deficit heading into the bottom of the ninth inning.

With two outs and two runners on base for the Lady Hubs, senior Morgan Smardo smashed a hard ground ball to Dixon shortstop Kiley Gaither, but a bad throw to first base rolled all the way to the fence, allowing junior Macy Belmonte and sophomore Lauren Dyer to score and tie the game. Although Belmonte scored easily, Dyer was still on the basepath to home plate when Dixon catcher Kennedy Haenitsch received the throw from first baseman Morgan Bailey.

Miraculously, Dyer went underneath and evaded the tag attempt from Haenitsch, who was forced to take over at catcher after starter Ava Valk departed earlier in the frame with

a head injury. Dyer’s run made the score 4-4, which stood until the Duchesses took a one-run lead after Bailey Tegeler reached on an error and scored on a passed ball in the top of the ninth inning.

Junior Ella Alfano singled to lead off the bottom of the ninth inning, but was caught trying to reach third base on a one-out single from Dyer that soared into left-center field. With a chance to win the game for her team, Smardo belted a deep fly ball toward the left-center-field fence, but the Duchess center fielder Tegeler snagged the ball at the warning track, effectively sealing Dixon’s 5-4 win over the Lady Hubs. Rochelle (5-19, 2-11 Interstate 8) will host Kaneland on Thursday before beginning the IHSA 3A Sycamore Regional against Freeport next Wednesday.

“We just need to work on piecing together hits and we need to continue to work on our baserunning,” head coach Deanna Jacobs said. “I thought Morgan pitched really well today, but we need to start piecing things together and we have some things that we need to clean up.”

See **SOFTBALL** pg 3



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team honored its four seniors before Tuesday’s game against Dixon. Above from left to right are Morgan Smardo, Francesca Williams, Layla Pelan and Maleah Pointer.

## DeKalb rallies over Rochelle in season finale

### Barbs score five runs over final three innings as Hubs fall 8-4 on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team hosted its final regular season game of the season on Wednesday, falling 8-4 against DeKalb in nonconference action. The Barbs rallied for five runs over the last three innings of the game after the score was tied 3-3 after four frames.

The Hubs (10-18, 4-10 Interstate 8) will be the No. 6 seed for the IHSA 3A Rochelle Regional, which begins with the quarterfinal game against No. 8 seed Sterling on Monday at 4:30 p.m. The winner will face No. 3 seed Freeport on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Senior Colton O’Rorke went 4-for-4 with four singles from the lead-off hole, while senior Bradley Cooney went 3-for-4 with three singles and three RBIs for the Hubs. Cooney started on the mound and threw four innings, striking out two batters and holding DeKalb to three runs.

The Barbs took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second inning, where back-to-back singles from Cole Latimer and Maddux

Clarence led to a two-run single from Paul Kakoliris two batters later. Nik Nelson followed with an RBI single to give DeKalb a three-run advantage, which held until Rochelle tallied three runs in the bottom of the third inning. Junior Braden Behrens reached and scored on two errors before Cooney’s two-out, two-run single tied the score later in the frame.

DeKalb inched ahead in the top of the fifth inning, scoring on an RBI single from Nate Nunez and a Hub error to take a 5-3 lead. O’Rorke’s lead-off single in the bottom of the fifth inning led to an RBI single from Cooney three batters later, which made the score 5-4 heading into the top of the sixth inning, where Gavin Heller walked and scored on a wild pitch for the Barbs.

Jackson Kess capped off a two-run frame for DeKalb in the top of the seventh inning, hitting a two-out RBI single up the middle to give the Barbs a four-run advantage. O’Rorke and Cooney each singled for the Hubs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but both were stranded on base.



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team faced DeKalb at home on Wednesday, falling 8-4 in the final game of the regular season. Senior Colton O’Rorke (left) went 4-for-4 with four singles and two runs scored, while junior Braden Behrens (right) singled and reached base twice in the loss to the Barbs.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Rochelle senior Payton Hale will continue her academics and her volleyball career at Millikin University next year. Hale said she intends to study nursing.**

# Hale commits to Millikin University volleyball team

**BY RUSSELL HODGES**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**P**AYTON Hale's versatility was a huge reason why the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team successfully recorded its first winning season since 2019 this past fall. Once a player who could only fill one position on the court, Hale's role with the Lady Hubs expanded greatly throughout her four years at RTHS. That growth culminated during her senior season, where she lined up at several different positions including middle blocker and outside hitter as well as in the back row.

Hale will look to bring that versatility to the collegiate level next year, with the senior committing to continue her academics and her volleyball career at Millikin University. Hale spent four years with the Lady Hub volleyball program including three years on the varsity team, where she was named an All-Conference First Team honoree in the Interstate 8 during her senior season.

"I met the coaches and they were both so sweet," Hale said. "I think I'll find my family there and I'm hoping to make more friends and meet new people. I'm looking forward to the experience because not many people are blessed to receive this experience. I think coach [Molly] Sly and my teammates really pushed me to get better and that motivated me to keep playing."

Hale totaled a team-high 182 digs and 43 blocks while adding 133 kills and 32

service aces on the offensive end of the court. A front-row starter this season, Hale also earned Rochelle's Most Valuable Player Award this season, where she helped lead the Lady Hubs to an 18-15-3 overall record. Hale was named an All-Conference Honorable Mention in the Interstate 8 during her junior season, where she compiled a team-leading 38 blocks as the starting middle blocker.

"I think I'll mostly be playing in the middle because I think that's what they were looking for," Hale said. "I think my overall play improved the most because I came in as a starting middle and that's all I did, but I had more opportunities to play in the back row and be a hitter this season. I'm hoping to be a lot stronger and I hope I can be a good teammate that people can look up to."

Hale was named an Academic All-Conference honoree in the Interstate 8 during her senior season. Hale, who chipped in 17 kills and 20 digs during her sophomore season, said she intends to study nursing in order to eventually pursue a career in the healthcare industry. In addition to her volleyball career at RTHS, Hale competed with the VC United volleyball club.

“Payton is a hard worker and she makes a positive impact in anything she’s a part of,” Lady Hubs head coach Molly Sly said. “It was an honor to get to know her and coach her over the past four years and I know there are great things in store for her in the future.”



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# SPORTS

RTHS Girls Soccer

## Lady Hubs bow out in IHSA 2A Regional Semifinals

### No. 3 seed Belvidere North eliminates No. 5 seed Rochelle 9-0 on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team faced Belvidere North in the semifinal round of the IHSA 2A Rochelle Regional on Wednesday, falling 9-0 to finish the season with a 7-10 overall record and a 3-3 record in the Interstate 8 Conference.

The third-seeded Blue Thunder held a significant shot advantage over the fifth-seeded Lady Hubs, outshooting Rochelle 23-3 and 20-1 in shots on goal. Junior Danica Ward recorded 11 saves in net for the Lady Hubs, who fell behind early after Belvidere North scored its first goal of the match during the seventh minute. The Blue Thunder continued to attack the Lady Hub defense throughout the first half, scoring in the 12th and 13th minutes to earn a 3-0 advantage.

Belvidere North held a 7-0 lead at halftime after

adding one goal in the 22nd minute as well as two goals in the 29th minute and another goal in the 40th minute. The Blue Thunder sealed their semifinal victory in the shortened second half, where Belvidere North added goals in the 46th and 63rd minutes. Sophomore midfielder Makayla Lara totaled two shots and junior forward Kara Martinez finished with one shot on goal to lead the Lady Hub offense in the loss.

Rochelle finished with 49 goals and 24 assists in 17 total matches this season. The Lady Hubs, who took fifth in the Interstate 8 tournament earlier in the season, compiled 128 saves on defense, with Ward recording 92 saves and freshman Deissy Torres adding 31 saves. Lara led the Lady Hubs with 22 goals and Martinez finished with six goals and a team-high five assists. Senior midfielder Mavi Avila ended the season with seven goals and two assists for Rochelle.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Sophomore Betty Flores (right) battles for possession during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against Belvidere North on Wednesday. The Lady Hubs fell 9-0 in the IHSA 2A Rochelle Regional Semifinals.**

## SOFTBALL: Lady Hubs fall against Kaneland, Sycamore

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Smardo started in the circle and fired all nine frames for the Lady Hubs, striking out a season-high and career-high 21 batters while holding Dixon hitless over the first three innings. Rochelle held a 1-0 lead after an opposite-field triple from Smardo rolled to the right-field wall and allowed Dyer, who singled in the previous at-bat, to come home from first base.

Dixon rallied for three runs in the top of the fourth inning, where a two-run double from Valk put the Duchesses ahead 2-1 before an RBI single from Delaney Bruce gave Dixon a two-run advantage. Smardo singled and scored on a dropped third

strike in the bottom of the fourth inning, making the score 3-2 before a baserunning mistake led to the third out at third base.

The Lady Hubs saw three runners reach base across the fifth and sixth innings, but no runners were able to score. Dixon inched ahead in the top of the seventh inning, scoring one run after Bruce slapped a slow-rolling RBI single through the left side of the infield with two outs. Dyer went 3-for-5 with three singles to lead the Rochelle offense, while Smardo went 2-for-5 and sophomore Erin Murphy went 3-for-5 with three singles out of the No. 7 hole in the order.

Rochelle honored four senior players in a pre-

game ceremony before the first pitch. Seniors Francesca Williams, Morgan Smardo, Maleah Pointer and Layla Pelan were each recognized for their time with the Lady Hub softball program and presented with gifts and flowers.

“The senior class is definitely unique because they didn’t have a season during their freshman year due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” Jacobs said. “They were able to give a lot to the varsity team over the last three years and we really appreciate what they’ve contributed to the team.”

### Kaneland

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team hosted Kaneland for its

final Interstate 8 Conference game of the regular season on Thursday. Senior Maleah Pointer’s RBI groundout scored junior Adamaris Betancourt to help the Lady Hubs avoid a shutout in their 16-1 loss against the Knights.

Kaneland surged ahead in the top of the first inning, scoring seven runs on six singles as well as one walk and three defensive errors from the Lady Hubs. The Knights extended their lead in the top of the second inning, where they added five runs on four hits including a solo home run from Breanne Crosby.

Isabelle Stombres singled and scored on an error to give Kaneland a 13-0 lead in the top of the

third inning. Pointer’s RBI groundout in the bottom of the third inning scored the lone run of the game for the Lady Hubs, who conceded three runs on three hits including a three-run homer by Crosby in the top of the fourth inning.

Rochelle (5-20, 2-12 Interstate 8) finished with zero hits in the loss. Sophomore Lauren Dyer threw all four innings for the Lady Hubs, striking out two Kaneland batters.

### Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team opened its final week of the regular season with a 17-0 home loss to the Sycamore Spartans in Interstate 8 Conference action on Monday. Se-

nior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Lauren Dyer each recorded singles for the Lady Hubs (5-18, 2-11 Interstate 8), who mustered only two hits in the four-inning conference loss.

Sycamore held a 7-0 lead after tallying seven runs on five singles, one hit-by-pitch and two errors from the Rochelle defense in the top of the first inning. The Spartans exploded for 10 runs on three doubles, seven singles, a fielder’s choice and three errors from the Lady Hubs in the top of the second inning. Sycamore went scoreless over the third and fourth innings, with Dyer striking out three batters over four innings from the pitcher’s circle.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Girls Track

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



### Lady Hubs take home awards during season-ending banquet

The Rochelle Lady Hub track and field team celebrated its season with an awards banquet on Wednesday evening. Three student-athletes earned All-Conference in the Interstate 8 this season including Alivia Henkel, Kyrie Cragin and Kylie Smith (Honorable Mention)(bottom left). Fifteen student-athletes took home Academic All-Conference honors including Aaliyah Losoya, Bridgett Ramirez (Honorable Mention), Brisa Zepeda, Zoe White, Alex Neece, Miranda Dubek (Honorable Mention), Arline Villanueva (Honorable Mention)(front row), Alivia Henkel, Kyra Bivins, Samantha Sanford, Baylie Sutton, Rylee Jackson, Kennedy Adamski, Macy Ramos (Honorable Mention) and Kylie Smith.



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Specifications and/or plans may be obtained at the Office of the City Engineer, Engineering Department, located at 1030 S. 7th Street, Rochelle, Illinois. The office is open by appointment only by emailing [cward@rochelleil.us](mailto:cward@rochelleil.us). Bidders will be required to sign for the specifications and/or plans before they are released. There is no cost for specifications and/or plans picked up at the Engineering Office. A fee of \$100.00 will be required for any specifications and/or plans that are mailed to prospective Bidders. Bids will be mailed USPS First Class mail only. All bids are to be returned to the Office of the City Clerk, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.

THE CITY OF ROCHELLE PREFERS THE SEALED BID BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CITY HALL, 420 NORTH SIXTH STREET, ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS BEFORE 10:00 A.M., JUNE 6, 2023; HOWEVER, BIDS MAY ALSO BE MAILED. ANY BID RECEIVED AFTER 10:00 A.M., JUNE 6, 2023, WILL BE RETURNED, UNOPENED.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**(Preliminary & Final Plat of Subdivision)**  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochelle City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North 6th Street relative to the following:

Petition of the City of Rochelle for a preliminary & final plat of subdivision.

The subject property is approximately 2.855 acres, zoned I-1 Light Industry, is located at 916 S. Main Street and has a legal description of: Parcel #: 24-25-427-001

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Lot 1 of THE GROVE INDUSTRIAL PARK, a subdivision as recorded Book E of Plats, page 18, as Document No. 202103624 in the Ogle County Recorder's Office, said point being on the West Line of the East-half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 25; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 47 seconds West along said West Line, a distance of 294.94 feet to the Southerly Right-of-Way Line of a public road designated Veterans Parkway; thence North 55 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East along said Southerly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 491.43 to the Westerly Right-of-Way Line of a public road designated South Main Street; thence South 40 degrees 17 minutes 08 seconds East along said Westerly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 251.98 feet to the Northeast Corner of the THE GROVE INDUSTRIAL PARK; thence South 55 degrees 54 degrees 54 seconds West along the North Line of THE GROVE INDUSTRIAL PARK, a distance of 677.64 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.346 acres, more or less, subject to all easements, agreements, city codes and/or ordinances of record, if any, all situated in the City of Rochelle, the Township of Flagg, the County of Ogle and the State of Illinois.

The petition is on file and available for examination in the office of the Community Development Director, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois during normal business hours. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard. Anyone interested in participating

in public commentary remotely should contact Michelle Knight at [mknight@rochelleil.us](mailto:mknight@rochelleil.us) or call 815-562-6161 to make arrangements. Commission members may participate in the Planning and Zoning Meeting remotely as a result of the Governor suspending the requirement for in-person attendance at Public Meetings.

Rose Hueramo, City Clerk  
City of Rochelle  
No. 0533  
(May 21, 2023)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochelle City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North 6th Street relative to the following:

Petition of The City of Rochelle and Ogle Lee Fire Protection District for a special use for a Government Multi Use Training Facility in an I-1 zoning district.

The subject property is zoned I-1 Light Industry and is located at 1380 N. 7th Street, and has a legal description of: PIN No.: 24-25-476-019 Lot One (1) of the Final Plat of The Grove Industrial Park being part of Lot Five (5) of the Re-Subdivision of the Rochelle Tollway Industrial Park First Addition in the East Half (E ½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian; situated in the Township of Flagg, County of Ogle and State of Illinois.

The petition is on file and available for examination in the office of the Community Development Director, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois during normal business hours. Commission members may participate in the Planning and Zoning Meeting remotely as a result of the Governor suspending the requirement for in-person attendance at Public Meetings.

Rose Hueramo, City Clerk  
City of Rochelle  
No. 0534  
(May 21, 2023)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**(Preliminary & Final Plat of Subdivision)**  
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Petition of Willis Senior Lofts Limited Partnership for a preliminary & final plat of subdivision. The subject property is approximately 2.037 acres, zoned R5 Multi Family High Density Residential, is located at 400-420 Willis Ave. and has a legal description of: Parcel #: 24-36-127-003; 24-36-127-004; 24-36-127-005

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Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday June 19, 2023 at the Lynnville Township building in Lindenwood and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road and Bridge Fund, the CBHB #915 Fund, and the Special Building and Equipment Fund for the Road District for Lynnville Township in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 will be on file and available for inspection by calling Ali Harms @ 815-393-4998.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held immediately after the prior budget hearing on Monday June 19, 2023 at the Lynnville Township Building in Lindenwood and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

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# CANCER AWARENESS

## What cancer does to the body

CANCER affects tens of millions of people each year. The World Health Organization said cancer accounted for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020, the most recent year for data.

Depending on where cancer strikes, various symptoms may present. However, cancer also affects the body as a whole. Here is a more in-depth look at how cancer affects the body and overall health.

- **Weight loss:** According to a 2011 article in the Journal of Genetics, weight loss occurs in up to 80 percent of people with cancer. Lost mass occurs in both muscle and fat tissue. Cancer may suppress the appetite and cause alterations in biochemical pathways for the production of proteins and other compounds necessary to maintain a healthy body weight and muscle composition.

- **Blood cell numbers:** Some cancers and cancer treatments can change the number of blood cells circulating

in the blood, according to Cancer Research UK. White blood cell numbers may drop and risk of infection may increase. Cancer treatments may cause low levels of red blood cells, resulting in anemia, which can make a person feel tired and breathless and require a blood transfusion.

- **Decreased infection resistance:** Some mutations caused by cancer give cancer cells the ability to reduce or even cripple immune response, according to Healthfully. Therefore, the immune system becomes limited in its ability to recognize foreign organisms. Viruses and bacteria may take hold. This is why many people who have cancer may ultimately die from pneumonia.

- **Hormonal changes:** Some cancers can produce hormones that will circulate and cause symptoms known as paraneoplastic syndrome. It may cause muscle weakness or even change the balance of salt and water in the body. Hormone therapies



may be used in cancer treatments to help address the symptoms caused by the cancer.

- **Constipation:** Pain medications and chemotherapy can cause constipation. It's important to drink plenty of liquids and eat high-fiber diets to

help combat this problem.

- **Fatigue:** Along with weight loss, fatigue is another common body effect of cancer. Preserving energy by napping and resting, especially during treatment, can help.

- **Eye changes:** Chemotherapy can increase

the risk of dry eye syndrome and the formation of cataracts, says OSHU Knight Cancer Institute. Additional vision problems may occur as well.

- **Premature aging:** Both cancer and the necessary treatments can speed up some signs of

aging. For example, it may increase the risk of osteoporosis or bring on early menopause.

Cancer doesn't just affect the area of the body where it's located. The entire body can be affected by cancer and cancer treatments.

## The relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk

MANY variables affect a person's risk for developing cancer. Lifestyle choices like the foods a person eats and how much that person exercises can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. However, certain risk factors for cancer, including race and ethnicity, are beyond individuals' control.

The relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk is complex. Though genetics are a significant factor in that relationship, socioeconomic factors, which are not uniformly applicable to all individuals of a certain race or ethnicity, also figure into the equation. For example, the MD Anderson Cancer Center notes that education and income level, access to health insurance, and access to routine medical screening and services can affect an individual's cancer risk. So while the risk for lung cancer may be especially high among African American males without access to routine medical screening and services, it is not necessarily as high for African American males who have access to such services.

Cultural factors also

must be considered when discussing the potential link between race and ethnicity and cancer risk. The MDACC notes that cultural factors can involve practices and beliefs that are prevalent within certain communities. Those beliefs and practices, which can include eating certain foods, may increase or decrease a person's risk for certain cancers. But again, simply because a person identifies with a certain race or ethnicity does not mean that individual adheres to all of the cultural practices associated with those communities. Individuals who do adhere to practices, such as consuming a diet that includes lots of ethnic foods, may want to speak with their physicians about the potential that such a diet, and other cultural practices, could increase their cancer risk.

The complicated relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk makes it difficult to say individuals of certain racial and ethnic backgrounds are definitively at higher risk of developing certain forms of the disease. However, the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society report that incidence



rates for the three most common types of cancer (lung, prostate and breast) are highest among certain ethnic groups.

- **Lung cancer:** Both the incidence and death rates for lung cancer are highest among African American males.

- **Prostate cancer:** Pros-

tate cancer death and incidence rates are highest among African American males.

- **Breast cancer:** Incidence rates for breast cancer are highest among White, non-Hispanic women. The death rate for breast cancer is highest among African American

women.

Recognition of the relationship between race and ethnicity and cancer risk

is important. Individuals with questions about their risk are urged to speak with their physicians.

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# CANCER AWARENESS

## Five fruits and vegetables associated with reducing cancer risk

THE prevalence of cancer is widely known. Affecting people of every ethnicity and across the socioeconomic spectrum, cancer poses a threat to people in all corners of the globe. And that threat could be more significant in the immediate future. Estimates from the International Agency for Research on Cancer indicate that the global population boom and the growth of the world's aging population could result in more than 16 million cancer deaths each year by 2040.

The statistics surrounding global incidence rates for cancer are startling, which can give the impression that cancer is an inevitability for hundreds of millions of people across the globe. However, there's much individuals can do to reduce their cancer risk.

According to the MD Anderson Cancer Center, a healthy diet can help reduce cancer risk. A diet that focuses on plants and emphasizes healthy choices may not eliminate the threat of cancer, but it

can be an integral component of a preventive health care regimen. With that in mind, the following are five fruits and vegetables associated with reducing cancer risk, courtesy of the MDACC.

1. Berries: Berries contain antioxidants, which protect the body from cell damage that can contribute to various cancers, including skin cancer, lung cancer and breast cancer, among others. Blueberries, raspberries and strawberries make wonderful additions to anyone's diet.

2. Cruciferous vegetables: Cruciferous vegetables include broccoli, bok choy, cabbage, and brussel sprouts, among others. The MDACC notes that studies have indicated that special plant compounds in cruciferous vegetables may protect the body from stomach cancer and cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, and esophagus.

3. Garlic: The experts at Mount Sinai note that garlic is often linked with reduced risk for heart disease, notably the pre-



vention of atherosclerosis, which affects the arteries through the deposition of plaques of fatty acids along the arterial walls. However, antioxidant-rich garlic also helps the body fight off harmful free radicals that can contribute to cancer.

4. Spinach: The Cen-

ters or Disease Control and Prevention notes that colorectal cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in the United States. Studies have found that spinach inhibits the growth of colon polyps that can develop into colorectal cancer.

5. Tomatoes: Lycopene

is an antioxidant that gives tomatoes their bright red color. According to the National Cancer Institute, though human studies have produced inconsistent results, various in vitro and animal studies have indicated that lycopene may have chemopreventive effects for cancers of

the prostate, skin, breast, lung, and liver.

Eating these five fruits and vegetables is not the only way to use diet in the fight against cancer. Individuals are urged to speak with their physicians to learn about the many ways to utilize food in cancer prevention.

## The link between viruses and cancer

CANCER is a prolific disease that does not discriminate based on age, gender or locality. Many people are aware that various environmental or genetic factors can raise their risk for cancer. However, some may be surprised to learn that certain viruses and other infections also can lead to cancer formation.

While certain viruses are responsible for the sniffles that come with the common cold, people do not often mention viruses and cancer in the same breath. Such individuals may be surprised to learn that some viruses actually can contribute to cancer, according to WebMD. Verywell Health notes that studies have found around 10 percent of cancer cases worldwide are caused by viruses, with the majority of these cases affecting people in developing countries. Viruses, like other pathogens, are composed of genetic material that can invade host cells, causing genetic damage or mutation. Viruses also may alter the immune system so that it is less able to fight off cancer cells that may be present for another reason.

Learning about viruses that can cause cancer can

be an important component of preventive health care. The American Cancer Society says these viruses are linked to cancer in humans.

- Human papillomaviruses: This group of more than 150 viruses are implicated in the formation of genital warts as well as cervical cancer. HPV also can contribute to cancers of the penis, anus, vagina, vulva, and mouth and throat.

- Epstein-Barr virus: This virus is commonly linked to mononucleosis or "the kissing disease." It is a type of herpes virus. EBV infection can increase the risk of nasopharyngeal cancer, fast-growing lymphomas, and also Hodgkin's lymphoma.

- Hepatitis B and C viruses: Both HBV and HCV cause a type of liver infection and inflammation that can potentially lead to liver cancer. Some research also links HCV to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

- Human immunodeficiency virus: HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, isn't a direct cause of cancer, but infection can increase a person's risk of getting several types of cancer linked to other viruses. For example, HIV has been linked to higher risk of Kaposi sarcoma and



cervical cancer.

Bacteria and parasites also can contribute to cancer formation. Long-term infection of the stomach with Helicobacter pylori bacteria, for example, may

cause ulcers and stomach cancer. Chlamydia trachomatis is a bacteria that affects women's reproductive systems and can increase risk for cervical cancer.

Certain parasitic worms that can live inside the human body also increase the risk of developing some types of cancers, such as those of the bile ducts and bladder. These are rare in

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Infections from viruses, bacteria and even parasites may lead to cancer in some people.

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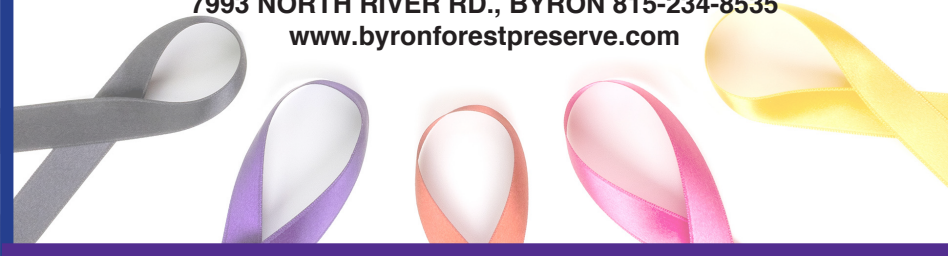
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## Understanding the basics of thyroid cancer

**T**HYROID cancer affects the thyroid gland, which is located in the neck. The thyroid is a part of the endocrine system and is responsible for a number of metabolic functions that help the body utilize energy. The thyroid also helps to regulate body temperature, blood pressure and heart rate, says the Cleveland Clinic.

When healthy, the thyroid gland, which is butterfly-shaped, cannot be felt. If the thyroid becomes impaired, changes in the shape or size of the thyroid may be noticed, and such a change could indicate the presence of thyroid cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Thyroid nodules, which are bumps or lumps on the thyroid, are typically benign. Two or three out of every 20 nodules turn up as cancerous. While these often cannot be detected by feeling the thyroid, the ACS says doctors use imaging technology to check for thyroid nodules if patients are experiencing symptoms that may be indicative of a thyroid that is

not functioning properly. Thyroid cancer also may be detected when testing for other ailments.

Johns Hopkins Medicine says most thyroid cancers are asymptomatic. Others may produce pain, difficulty swallowing, voice changes, and enlarged lymph nodes. Thyroid cancer is typically diagnosed after the discovery of a nodule that is either felt or seen on an ultrasound or another imaging study. Biopsy is utilized to confirm a thyroid cancer diagnosis.

According to the Mayo Clinic, thyroid cancer rates are increasing. That spike is likely caused by improved imaging technology that helps doctors find small thyroid cancers on CT and MRI scans conducted when testing for other conditions.

Thyroid cancers can grow from a number of different cells.

- Papillary: This type accounts for around 80 percent of all thyroid cancers. It is a slow-growing cancer that responds well to treatment.
- Follicular: Up to 15 percent of cases of thyroid cancer are follicular. This



type of cancer is more likely to spread to bones and other organs, says the Cleveland Clinic.

- Medullary: Only about 2 percent of thyroid cases are medullary. A faulty gene may be to blame, and one-quarter of patients with this type of thyroid cancer have a family history of the disease.
- Anaplastic: An ag-

gressive thyroid cancer, this can be hard to treat because it can grow quickly and often spreads to surrounding tissue and other parts of the body. Only 2 percent of thyroid cancers are anaplastic.

One of the reasons thyroid cancer survival rates are high is that the primary treatment is to surgically remove a por-

tion or all of the thyroid gland. Johns Hopkins says most thyroidectomies are quite successful. While the thyroid is an essential gland, the functions of the thyroid can be replicated with the use of synthetic thyroid hormones to keep the body's metabolic needs in balance.

Additional cancer treatment methods can

include radioactive iodine and immunotherapy. Radiotherapy and chemotherapy are infrequently used to treat thyroid cancer.

Thyroid cancer is highly treatable, rarely fatal and people can go on to live long lives even if surgery is needed to remove some or all of the thyroid gland.

## Four ways that people can reduce cancer risk

**C**ancer affects lives in every corner of the globe. Whether it's encountered as a patient, caregiver or supporter, cancer will affect the vast majority of individuals at some point in their lives. That prevalence underscores the significance of learning about the disease, including ways to reduce the risk of being diagnosed.

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body. Cancer can start just about anywhere, as humans are made up of trillions of cells. When a person has cancer, abnormal or damaged cells grow and multiply when they normally should die and have new, healthy cells take their place.

Cancer cells differ from normal cells in that they don't need signaling to grow, nor do they stop multiplying. They also do not stop growing when encountering other cells and can hide from the immune system. All of these conditions and others combine to make cancer a very serious condition. That means it could be of the utmost important to do everything possible to reduce your risk of acquiring the disease. Though there's no guaranteed way to avoid cancer, these four strategies are highly effective at reducing risk for the disease.

Consuming a healthy diet can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. The Mayo Clinic says people should eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, and even choose foods from plant sources

as the foundation of their diets. Limiting refined sugars and fats from animal sources also is effective.

Eating processed meat also has been linked to an increased risk of certain types of cancer, according to the World Health Organization. Consumption of alcohol also increases cancer risk.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Smoking cigarettes is the number one risk factor for lung cancer, with about 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths attributed to cigarettes in the United States. Tobacco also causes cancer elsewhere in the body. The single best way to reduce cancer risk is to avoid tobacco to begin with or, for current smokers, to quit smoking



immediately.

The CDC says being overweight or obese has been linked to a higher risk of 13 different types of cancer. Diet is important in maintaining a healthy weight, but so is regular physical exercise. People should strive for

at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or a minimum of 75 minutes a week of intense aerobic activity.

Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of the disease. Covering the skin, avoiding mid-day sun, using a broad-

spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 every day, and avoiding sunlamps and tanning beds is essential.

While there is no completely foolproof way to prevent cancer, there are many ways to reduce risk for the disease.

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