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## Local elections held Tuesday McDermott, Hayes, Valdivieso win City Council seats

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle area saw four contested races settled in the Tuesday, April 4 Consolidated Election.

For the Rochelle city council race, incumbents Tom McDermott (675 votes, 21.9 percent) and Bil Hayes (408 votes, 13.3 percent) won reelection and new challenger Ben Valdivieso (566 votes, 18.4 percent) will join them on the council.

Incumbent John Gruben's reelection bid fell short with 356 votes and 11.6 percent of the votes. Other challengers included Lance Charnock (393 votes, 12.8 percent), Jason Goodwin (374 votes, 12.2 percent) and Juan Martinez Jr. (306 votes, 9.9 percent).

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows ran unopposed for reelection and received 964 votes Tuesday.

### Elementary school board

For the Rochelle Elementary School District 231 Board of Education Race, incumbents Steven Builta (955 votes, 22.95



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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percent) and Javier Zepe-da (882 votes, 21.2 percent) were reelected and new challenger Jennifer Thompson (1,096 votes, 26.3 percent) will join them on the board.

Other challengers Victoria Lynn Pemberton (865 votes, 20.8 percent) and Lanning Nicoloff (364 votes, 8.75 percent) fell short in the race.

### High school board

For the Rochelle Township High School District 212 Board of Education race, incumbent Jeffrey S. Tilton (1,028 votes, 19.8 percent) won reelection and new challengers Laurie Pillen (1,045 votes, 20.1 percent) and Brent Ohlinger (886 votes, 17.1

percent) will join him on the board.

Other challengers Crystal Dyer (782 votes, 15.1 percent), Jordan M. Dobberstein (147 votes, 2.8 percent), Jacob Waddle (524 votes, 10.1 percent) and Patricia Goodwin (777 votes, 14.97 percent) fell short in the race.

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## New water operator approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — At its monthly meeting Wednesday, the Creston Village Board unanimously approved an agreement with MGD Water Solutions to be its new water operator.

The board received notice earlier this year that Village Water Operator Mike Megurdichian plans to retire this year. Megurdichian has worked with the village since the early 1990s. Village President Tom Byro said the MGD Water Solutions price will be the same as Megurdichian's was. Jeremy Lin, president of MGD Water Solutions, attended the Wednesday meeting.

"Jeremy is well aware of what's going on in town," Byro said.

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## New Creston Library bid process open 'The project will take probably about 18 months from start to finish'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — The construction bidding process for the new Creston-Dement Public Library building has opened, Library Board President Doug Kroupa said April 3.

Kroupa said that once bids are received and one is approved, a groundbreaking will take place in late May or early June. A referendum passed last June that allowed the Creston-Dement Public Library District to issue \$2.2 million in bonds to build a new library building at the corner of Main and Cederholm Streets on land that was donated years ago for a new library.

"Hopefully in July the building will start to pop up," Kroupa said. "We hope to get everything completely enclosed by the winter months. The project will take probably about 18 months from start to finish before the new doors open. It's a lot of work as we're going through."

The process of bringing a new library to Creston



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The construction bidding process for the new Creston-Dement Public Library building has opened, Library Board President Doug Kroupa said April 3.

has taken over 10 years. The main reason for the desire for a new building is the library outgrowing its current space at 107 S.

Main St.

The new library is planned to be a 7,500 square foot high-durability building with a

children's area, adult area, study rooms, facility for meetings, a staff area, bathrooms that could be used as storm shelters,

storage space, a patio, handicap parking and a 30-spot parking lot.

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### RMU makes local upgrade

RMU crews were setting a transformer and an interrupter at Tilton School on Wednesday.  
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# Happy Easter



# LOCAL NEWS

## Area 4-H camp counselors train for this summer's camp

**OREGON** — Twenty-eight local teens will soon serve as 4-H Camp Counselors for over 150 youth for the 2023 Northwestern IL 4-H Camp in Polo. While camp is a fantastic way to teach younger children to make good decisions, learn to be independent, make life-long friendships and gain new skills, the experience for camp counselors is just as impactful, if not more. Stepping in as a parent and taking on the responsibility for someone else's child is a powerful experience for our teen counselors, who have participated in mandatory trainings since January.

Because many of our camp counselors have been campers, they understand the impact they can leave on a camper for life. These teens also gain an appreciation for volunteerism and devote over 200 hours of their time to train, plan, and participate in the counselor experience. "When I was a camper, I had a goal of one day becoming a camp counselor. I looked up to my counselors and wanted to be just like them," says Quinn James, current camp counselor.

The opportunity to build life skills like employability, responsibility, character, caring, and respect are also take-aways for these teenage counselors. "Camp isn't just a week away from your home, but a week full of memories to last a lifetime. I have met some of my best friends through Camp and 4-H. Going to Camp has always been something I look forward to all

year. Looking up to my counselors while I was a camper definitely encouraged me to be a counselor once I was old enough. "Five years later, I have loved every year of being a counselor," shares Ellie Rothermel.

Johnna Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H & Youth Development Unit Educator, adds, "Our camp counselors are very dedicated and committed individuals that are big believers in that 4-H camp experience for youth. They know the joys of 4-H Camp and realize that many campers look forward to that one week this summer. The counselors work hard to ensure the youth are safe, healthy, and having a good time. These teen counselors are not getting paid to serve in this role, but instead, they are volunteering their time and talent to be trained to be the best possible counselors. In exchange for their time, the teens develop tremendous leadership skills, the ability to work well with others, enhanced communication skills, and the admiration from our 4-H campers and camp staff for a job well done. We are thrilled to have so many wonderful teen counselors on our team for this year's 4-H Camp."

A study conducted by the 4-H Camp staff with counselors and counselor alums indicated that the top five skills counselors develop as a result of their training, and on-the-job experiences are: 5) to work with others as a team; 4) to act as leaders by setting an ex-



(COURTESY PHOTO)

**Counselor Training: The 2023 4-H Camp Counselors gathered for their March training at the Ogle County Extension Office in Oregon. Left-right back row: Campbell Russo, Armando Batista, Dawson Stache, Damon Dittmar, Ellie Rothermel, Kyle Haas, Jackson Wells, Riley Bourquin, Lucas Odle, Sarah Rothermel, Frank Ciangi and Robbie Thurow. Middle row: Adelein Halstad, Paige Dykstra, Ashton Miller, Quinn James, Carson Conderman, Olivia Carlson and Jordan Heimann. Front row: Jenna Haas, Maggie Penate, Hannah Zinke, Katie Eggsmeier, Grace Costello and Allison Duggan (not pictured: Lydia Esterbrook, Carissa Hinderman, and Cody Noller)**

ample; 3) how to make real, life-long friends; 2) the importance of being prepared, and 1) to be responsible for the care of children.

The 2023 4-H Camp Counselor Team is ready for a fun-filled camp! Counselors include Armando Batista (Pecatonica), Riley Bourquin (Warren), Olivia Carlson (Rockton), Frank Ciangi (Galena), Carson Conderman (Byron), Grace Costello (Stillman Valley), Damon Dittmar (Eliza-

beth), Allison Duggan (Thomson), Paige Dykstra (Fulton), Katie Eggsmeier (Morrison), Lydia Esterbrook (Rockford), Jenna Haas (Stockton), Kyle Haas (Stockton), Adelein Halstad (Rockford), Jordan Heimann (Warren), Carissa Hinderman (Warren), Quinn James (Morrison), Ashton Miller (Galena), Cody Noller (Stockton), Lucas Odle (Paw Paw), Maggie Penate (Sycamore), Sarah and Ellie Rothermel (Durand), Campbell Russo (Rockford), Daw-

son Stache (Rock City), Robbie Thurow (Davis Junction), Jackson Wells (Pecatonica) and Hannah Zinke (Morrison).

4-H Day Camp is set for Sunday, June 11 to Thursday, June 15 at Rock River Christian Camp, Polo. We are thrilled that 4-H Camp is back to overnight. 4-H Camp is open to ALL boys and girls, ages 8-14, by June 11. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior

standards expected of 4-Hers.

The cost is \$350 for active 4-H members and \$370 for non-members. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 15. Download a camper application online or register online at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/northern-illinois-4-h-camp>. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Whiteside Counties at 815-632-3611.

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## Ogle County's Prose, Carlson awarded scholarships for 4-H excellence, mastery

**URBANA**—The career achievements of Illinois 4-H members are being celebrated with \$45,000 in scholarships awarded by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

The scholarships are awarded to five Illinois 4-H members in nine focus categories and are based on merit and a demonstrated standard of 4-H excellence.

"These youth exhibit excellence and mastery in these interest areas," Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director said.

"These awards celebrate the hard work, dedication, growth, and leadership these youth have exhibited."

Forty-five young adults were chosen as scholarship winners in one of nine divisions of the State 4-H Award. Each winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Civil Engagement & Global Living award recognizes youth that have focused on 4-H work in service to/for others. The winners include Gracie Prose, Ogle County. This award is sponsored by

Nann Armstrong, Ron & Melanie Warfield, and Dee Murray.

The Personal Growth award recognizes youth that have focused on personal growth through their participation in the 4-H program. The winners include Lauren Carlson, Ogle County. This award is sponsored by Pat Clickener, Barbara & George Clark, Dr. Janice Seitz, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation Legacy Endowment.

Recipients were honored at an awards ceremony in Champaign on April 1.



## RMU makes upgrade near Tilton School

Rochelle Municipal Utilities crews were setting a transformer and intellirupter at Tilton School Wednesday to provide a backfeed for the central area of town. It was one of four strategic locations the switchgear was placed to provide better reliability for RMU customers.



# LOCAL NEWS



At left is By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club's Andrew Hickman, Byron, collecting tickets for his club's Chutes and Ladders game. At right is Carefree 4-H Club's Alyssa Martin, Oregon, running their Memory Match game.

## Ogle 4-H Penny Carnival winners announced

**OREGON** — The Ogle County 4-H Federation hosted its annual 4-H Penny Carnival at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon on March 18. Penny Carnival is much like a fun fair, but features games dreamed up and designed by the 4-H clubs in the county. 11 of the county's 12 clubs participated, dreaming up 12 games, based on the theme "4-H Family Game Night" and encouraged the development of a wide range of game types. Cash prizes were awarded to two clubs for games determined to be "most entertaining," and two clubs for games

determined to be "most creative." Congratulations to all the following: Most entertaining: Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club, Rochelle (The Sweaty Socks Basketball Game), Carefree 4-H Club, Oregon (Memory Match). Most creative: Summerhill Huskies, Forreston (Shoot the Can), Blackhawk Crossings 4-H Club, Oregon/Mt. Morris (Hungry Hippo). Proceeds from the night will be divided equally among participating clubs. Many thanks to the hundreds of Ogle County families who attended.



Ogle County 4-H Ambassador team from left to right: Elizabeth Armbruster, Oregon; Molly Ziegler, Oregon; Trent Heller, Dixon and Grant Johnson, Forreston.

## County paint, aerosol recycling and shredding event is April 15

**OREGON** — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a latex paint/aerosol can recycling and document shredding event on Saturday, April 15 at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only and identification is required. No permits are required for this recycling event. Latex paint will be collected for recycling from 8 a.m. until noon. The OCSWMD will subsidize the cost to recycle the first 10 containers of latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle. Cash, credit card or checks payable to "EarthPaint.org" will be accepted for payment. See the fee structure at [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) for liquid paint recycling. Aerosol cans, small 14-16-ounce propane cylinders, and small butane cylinders will also be accepted by Flatcan

Recycling. There is no cost for up to 10 containers. Most aerosol spray products will be accepted for recycling. Flatcan Recycling will also accept alkaline batteries for recycling for \$4 per pound and one child car seat at no charge. Additional child car seats will be \$20 per seat. Secure, on-site document shredding will be conducted by Freeport Recycling's Shred-Beast truck from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a limit of three banker boxes per vehicle. There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the Shred-Beast truck and staff. In addition, there will be free tree saplings available during the event. Limit 10 per household. Species of available saplings include Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Shag Bark Hickory, while supplies last. Saplings provided by the Living Lands and Waters Million Trees Project. Please call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020, email [solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov](mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov), or visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) or the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department on Facebook for more information about this recycling opportunity.

**90th Birthday**  
Our beloved mother and grandmother, **Pauline Jones Barnes Cultra**, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on April 20. We will be having a small, private dinner in her honor. Since we know how very much she would love to hear from her extended family members and the many friends she has made over the years, it would also mean a great deal to us if you would shower her with birthday greetings. You may send cards to Pauline at 2078 IL 251 South, Rochelle, IL 61068. Thank you.



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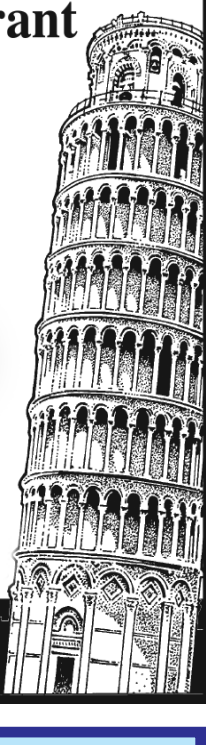
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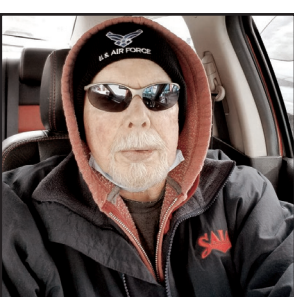
### Jon Bradley 'J.B.' Wolfe

**ROCKFORD** — Jon Bradley "J.B." Wolfe, 73, of Rockford, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Saturday, April 1 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 3, 1949, in Zanesville, Ohio, the son of James and Marie (Hupp) Wolfe. After being together for eight years, he married his wife, JoEllyn, on Dec. 30, 2021, in Rockford.

J.B. proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1969-1973. He was stationed in South Korea at Osan AFB. There, he worked with the K9 unit and trained the dogs that were sent to Vietnam. He loved to regale friends and family with stories from his time in the Air Force. J.B. worked as an over-the-road truck driver. He loved trucking and all the experiences that came with life on the road. He loved music, both

listening to and playing. He had all sorts of sound equipment to enhance his listening experience. He was an avid photographer who especially loved photographing nature.

J.B. is survived by his wife, JoEllyn, of Rockford; two children, Justin Wolfe and Taylor Wolfe, both of Madison, Wisconsin; the mother of his children, Diana Wolfe of Madison; four siblings, Jim (Maren) Wolfe of Brandon, Florida, Pam (Kenny) Sievers of Batchtown, Illinois, Jeff (Debbie) Wolfe of Lake City, Florida, and Nena (Vern) Stewart of Rochelle; two step-children, Douglas (Darcy) Wenzel and Amy (Dave) Steffen, both of Rockford; four step-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Steve (Terry) Conour of Florida; sister-in-law, Jane (Larry) Laurence of Stillman Valley; and numerous



nieces and nephews.

J.B. is preceded in death by his parents, James and Marie Wolfe.

A celebration of life memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 14 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle with Pastor Dave Rogula officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Contributions in J.B.'s memory may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Please visit [www.ungerscorner.com](http://www.ungerscorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Cathy Ann Johnson Giddings

**SYCAMORE** — Cathy Ann Johnson Giddings, 61, of Sycamore, passed away Thursday, April 6 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 7, 1962, in DeKalb, the daughter of Lawrence Claus and Leona May (Moland) Johnson. She married Brian James Giddings on April 1, 2008 in Sycamore.

Cathy was an avid bargain hunter and enjoyed going to auctions. She was an award-winning decorator. She loved to decorate for all holidays, especially Christmas and the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. She had many friends that became family, known as the LRD. Cathy was a loving and devoted wife, mom and grandma who will be missed by all who

knew her.

Cathy is survived by her husband, Brian, of Sycamore; six children, Mike Hurst of Davis Junction, Melissa (Clint) Capes of Rochelle, Mandy (James) Mason of Creston, Matthew Hurst of Rochelle, Dalton (Kyra Cullen) Hurst of Sycamore; and Nicole Hurst of Murray, Kentucky; eight grandchildren, Katelynn, Molly and Dexter Hurst, Danielle and Zachary Capes, Brianna (Cody) Brechon, Devin Moses and Caleb Moses; siblings, Richard (Dawn) Johnson, Brian (Dawn) Johnson and Sharon Brooks, all of Rochelle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cathy is preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Leona Johnson; and a father-in-law, Harold



Giddings.

Funeral service will be at noon on Wednesday, April 12 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle with Judy Williams officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in White Rock Cemetery in Kings. A memorial has been established. Please visit [www.ungerscorner.com](http://www.ungerscorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

### Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

**OREGON** — On April 5 at approximately 9:03 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Rothwell and High Road. After an investigation, deputies arrested Kent Hull, 61, of Kings for driving while license revoked. Hull was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Hull was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

On April 6 at approximately 1:06 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Lincoln Highway and 10th Avenue in Rochelle. After an investigation, deputies arrested Christopher Reed, 29, of Rochelle, for possession of a controlled substance (psilocybin mushrooms) and driving while license revoked. Reed was issued additional citations for driving without head/taillights and open container/alcohol. Reed was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On April 6 at approximately 5:46 a.m. deputies

responded to the 4,000 block of South Queens Road in reference to a single-vehicle accident with a possible deceased male. Upon arrival, deputies observed a grey Pontiac G5 with heavy damage sitting off of the east side of the roadway in a cornfield with heavy damage. Deputies observed that the vehicle had been traveling northbound on Queens Road when it left the west side of the roadway and entered the ditch before returning onto the roadway. The vehicle then traveled approximately 250 yards off of the east side of the roadway and overturned numerous times before coming to rest upright in the cornfield. The male driver, identified as Craig Larson Jr., 26, of Kings, was thrown from the vehicle during the crash and was pronounced deceased on scene. The accident appeared to have occurred sometime during the night. Rochelle EMS and Ogle County Coroner's Office assisted with the accident. The accident remains under investigation.

On April 6 at approximately 3:35 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a dark blue Honda Accord at the intersection of Illinois Route 251 at Big Mound Road for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation, Charlie Suarez, 39, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. Suarez was issued citations for driving while license suspended, illegal window tint and no valid insurance. Suarez was released on an I-bond and provided with a future court appearance.

On April 7 at approximately 1:58 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Illinois Route 251. After an investigation, deputies arrested Kaylie Sandoval-Smith, 22, of Holcomb for driving under the influence of alcohol. Sandoval-Smith was issued additional citations for failure to signal, disobeying a stop sign and open container/alcohol. Sandoval-Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond.

## Rochelle Police Department

### Officers issue citation and arrest

**ROCHELLE** — On April 5 at 3:24 p.m. Dragan Zlatich, 55, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 12 Rochelle court date.

On April 7 at 12:07 a.m. Lincoln B. Jamroch, 30, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence and cited for suspended registration and no insurance.

He was released on an I-Bond with a May 12 Rochelle court date.

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

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

**PRINCETON** — Freedom House, which provides free, confidential services for victims of sexual assault, is staging unique SAAM awareness events throughout April. Community participation is welcomed and encouraged.

"Silent Witness" silhouettes, representing sexual violence homicide victims in our communities over the years, are displayed at Princeton's Rotary Park (April 5-18 and IVCC (April 18-30).

Partnering with area libraries and the Pediatric Resource Center to supply children's books featuring age-appropriate consent and healthy boundaries.

Clothesline Project — At Blackhawk College East Campus (during the month of April) - A display of T-shirts with graphic messages and illustrations designed by survivors of violence or by someone who loves a victim who has been killed.

Law enforcement, state's attorney's offices, emergency room and health department staff throughout the region will be wearing teal ribbons to indicate their support for victims.

Earth Day-Wild Flower Seed Balls initiative — Freedom house will distribute seed balls to celebrate the renewal of spring and the idea of "letting healing take root"

The "Start By Believing," campaign asks community members, businesses, and partnering agencies to sign the pledge. "My name is \_\_\_\_\_. When someone tells me they were raped or sexually assaulted, I pledge to: Start By Believing."

Denim Day, April 26 — Encourages the wearing of denim in honor of survivors of sexual violence who have experienced victim blaming.

Freedom House, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, is the domestic and sexual violence agency

for Bureau, Henry, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties in Illinois. Headquartered in Princeton, with satellite offices in Kewanee and Cambridge, Freedom House employs compassionate and skilled professionals to provide free, confidential, quality services to victims of abuse and their families, including a 24-hour crisis hotline (800-474-6031), emergency shelter, medical and legal advocacy, adult and child counseling, awareness and prevention education, and training for volunteers and professionals.

In the past year, Freedom House staff provided needed services to more than 900 victims (and families) of domestic violence and sexual assault. For more information about their services or to donate, please call 815-872-0087 — or visit our website: <http://www.freedomhouseillinois.org> find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

### Jandak named to dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis

**ST LOUIS, Mo.** — Charlie Jandak of Rochelle was recently named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Jandak is enrolled in the university's McKelvey

School of Engineering. To qualify for the dean's list in the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

## REPORT POLICY

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## LIBRARY: Groundbreaking expected to take place this summer

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Both Kroupa and Library Director Kristi Scherer said the aspect of the new library that they're most excited about is additional space.

"In the current building, we've had 85 people in one of the rooms for the events," Kroupa said. "If anybody sneezes, the whole room moves because of how small it is. We've had a tremendous amount of community participation even after COVID-19. We just need the space to bring everybody in and make sure we can fit them all comfortably. The different programs we've done here to make sure that we're a vital part of

the community keep that growth going. The new facility will have both indoor and outdoor activity areas that will really help us expand it quite a bit."

Scherer is also excited for study rooms at the new library that will allow student patrons to have tutoring sessions. Staff will also be able to serve summer meals to kids at the new library. After recent severe weather, Scherer is also looking forward to having a safe place in the library during storms.

Amid recent inflationary and supply chain issues in the construction industry, Kroupa said pricing has "been variable" and decreases have been seen in some

areas. The library board is working to act frugally in the process to make sure it has enough funds for the project. When it submitted the referendum, expected price increases for construction were accounted for.

"We're just hoping our expectations were in bounds," Kroupa said. "Construction prices have gone down about 20 percent from when the referendum was passed. But they're still up about 10 percent from when we planned everything. We have headroom that we're still trying to squeeze out to make sure we have enough to finish everything."

The library district is still working to raise

funds and seek grants for the project to make it as financially efficient as possible. Scherer has been working on what equipment, furniture and supplies can be taken from the current building to the new building to avoid additional spending.

"Things aren't cheap right now," Scherer said. "We're trying to be good stewards of the funding. Other libraries have been generous with sharing things they no longer needed that are still in good shape. We got 30 shelving units donated from another library. Everything doesn't have to be brand new."

Up until 2009, the library had 60-90 patrons come in monthly and

operated 15-20 hours a week. In 2010, changes were made and the library is now open over 40 hours a week and has seen 500 patrons a month at different times. Computers and resources have been added such as 3-D printing and model rocketry.

"That helps the library and the community," Kroupa said. "People coming here can help with our businesses in the village. The whole community has helped us in the process to bring a new library to town. Bringing everybody together is a vital part of the community. I think when people first looked at the library, it was just books to them. Now they see it as a social, craft area where information

can be exchanged."

Scherer has been at the library for almost 15 years. She remembers steps taken toward a new library building over the years including the donation of the land and it being annexed into the village.

"Just seeing it come to fruition has been great," Scherer said. "The new library was backed by the community, both young and old. People are excited that we're getting a space. Making real steps towards the new library has been exciting and scary. It's been a busy time. Most months we have two board meetings because of all the things we've needed to take care of. We're on our way."

## Rochelle Area CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church of Rochelle, First Baptist Church of Rochelle** invites you to experience our practical Bible services which have nurseries provided in every service along with a wide range of children's and teen ministries. Sunday School is at 9:30 am with regular church services at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. Wednesday Family Night starts at 6:30 pm with AWANA for the 5 yr. olds thru 6th grade. The Omega Teen Ministry also starts at 6:30 pm for 7th – 12th grades and the Adult Bible Study at 7:00 pm. First Baptist Church is located 6 blocks west of Hwy 251 at the corner of Woolf Ct. and 8th Ave. in Rochelle. Call 562-4168 for more information. Listen at 11:00 am Sunday mornings on WRHL 1060 AM for the Sunday morning "Bible Message." [www.firstbaptistrochelle.org](http://www.firstbaptistrochelle.org)


**First General Baptist Church**, 500 S. 12th St, Rochelle. Phone: 815-562-5221. Email: [fgbcrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:fgbcrochelle@gmail.com). Website: [www.fgbcrochelle.org](http://www.fgbcrochelle.org). Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle](https://www.facebook.com/fgbcrochelle). Pastor: Rev. Angelo Bonacquisti. **Sunday worship services:** 8:30 am, 11:15 am and 6:00 pm. **Sunday school:** 10:00 am. We'd be honored to have you join us as we worship JESUS and continue to grow in truth and love for God and each other. A nursery, children's church, youth group and small groups are available. If you need a ride please contact our church bus driver, John, at (815) 262-4275 by 8:30 am on Sunday. "For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**First Presbyterian Church** – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: [info@placeforgrace.com](mailto:info@placeforgrace.com). Sunday morning worship 9:00am & 11:00am. In person or streamed online. On our Website and Facebook Live. [www.placeforgrace.com](http://www.placeforgrace.com) / [www.facebook.com/placeforgrace](https://www.facebook.com/placeforgrace)

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

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

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

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

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

**Rochelle United Methodist Church invites everyone to enter into the passion of Jesus. Our Bible Study and worship series will be focused on the last week of Jesus' life through Lent.**

As we enter the story of Jesus' passion, we come to it with our own eyes, our own humanity, our own experience. That gets all wrapped up in our interpretation.... that is how faith works! That is how we makes sense of things, and how we come to greater awareness, understanding, insight and compassion for our own stories and for those of others. So this Lent, this time of preparation for Easter, we will enter the passion of Jesus. Let us freeze frame a moment, so that we might dwell.... and become not just story tellers, but story dwellers. (Adapted from a poem by Marcia McFee.) **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday** services are at 7:00 pm. The church will be open from noon-3 on Good Friday for the public to walk the Stations of the Cross. Devotional guide provided – come and go at your convenience. Everyone is always welcome to all of our services.

**Sunday worship is at 9:00 am** with Sunday School for children after the Children's Message. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at [www.rochelleumc.com](http://www.rochelleumc.com). Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/rochelleumc](https://www.facebook.com/rochelleumc). Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor. 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. [admin@rochelleumc.com](mailto:admin@rochelleumc.com). Everyone is welcome and loved!

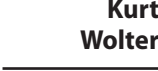
**St. Patrick Catholic Church** Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM- 4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil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

**St. Paul Lutheran Church** "Building Relationships in Christ, Now and Forever!" Pastor-Rev. Greg Hoffmann, Steven Hall, Principal, Parish Nurse- Marcia Schnorr. 1415 Tenth Ave., Rochelle. Church Office-562-2744. Worship times: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Our service is broadcast over WRHL 1060AM at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School 10:15-11:15 a.m. Call 562-6323 for more information about the school.



## Guest column

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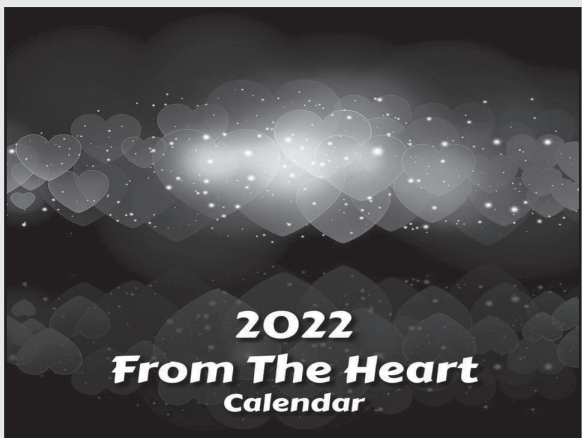
## Wheatland Tube-Western Tube presents \$10,000 donation to RACF

On Tuesday morning, Wheatland Tube-Western Tube, divisions of Zekelman Industries, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation for community support. The check was accepted by RACF Executive Director Emily Anaya and RACF board members. The Check was presented by Jim Hays, president of Zekelman Industries' electrical division, and Plant Manager Ray Falk. City of Rochelle representatives were also on hand for the presentation.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 10**  
Johnny Gonzales
- April 11**  
Bev Wiginton  
Christine Doering  
Chris & Christine Doering (anniversary)
- April 12**  
Amber Lopez  
Charles Peterman
- April 14**  
Kristyn Sulser
- April 16**  
Marissa Seldal  
James Doering
- April 18**  
Millie Danekas
- April 19**  
Pastor Angelo Bonacquisti
- April 21**  
Emma Waters
- April 24**  
Lainie Arnold  
Jose Tlapa
- April 26**  
Evan Jones
- April 30**  
Oakley Gonzales  
Nora Bridgeman

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



- Mar. 14 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
- Mar. 15 - Rosemary VanKirk, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 16 - Judith Urban, Loves Park, \$25
- Mar. 17 - Dena Doran, Princeton, \$250
- Mar. 18 - Brian Edwards, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 19 - Brittany Samp, Palos Heights, \$50
- Mar. 20 - Mike and Irma Seaworth, Holcomb, \$25
- Mar. 21 - Charlie Boonstra, Dixon, \$25
- Mar. 22 - Rochelle Chamber, \$25
- Mar. 23 - Troy Mowry, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 24 - David Glessner, Dixon, \$25
- Mar. 25 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 26 - Tara Richardson, Waterman, \$50
- Mar. 27 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Mar. 28 - Maria Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 29 - Kaylee May, Rochelle, \$50
- Mar. 30 - Billy Gregg Evans, Rochelle, \$25
- Mar. 31 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 1 - Adam Hall, Sycamore, \$25
- Apr. 2 - Sue Snyder, Phoenix, \$50
- Apr. 3 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 4 - Linda Alderks, Chana, \$25
- Apr. 5 - Liquor N Wine, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 6 - Jennifer Diehl, Oregon, \$25
- Apr. 7 - Crystal Carswell, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 8 - Liquor N Wine, Rochelle, \$25
- Apr. 9 - Pete Pavia, Rochelle, \$300



## Coffee Break

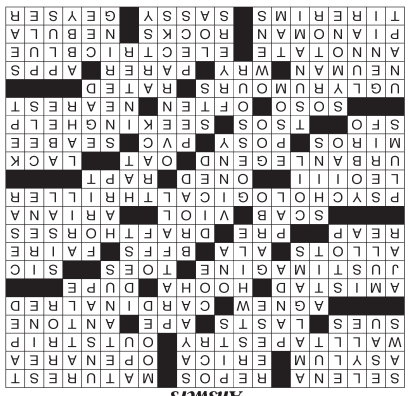
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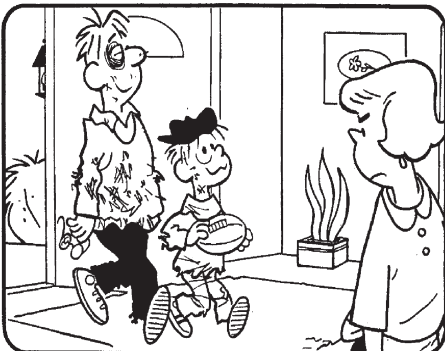
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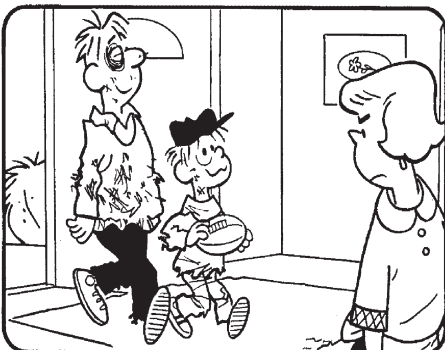
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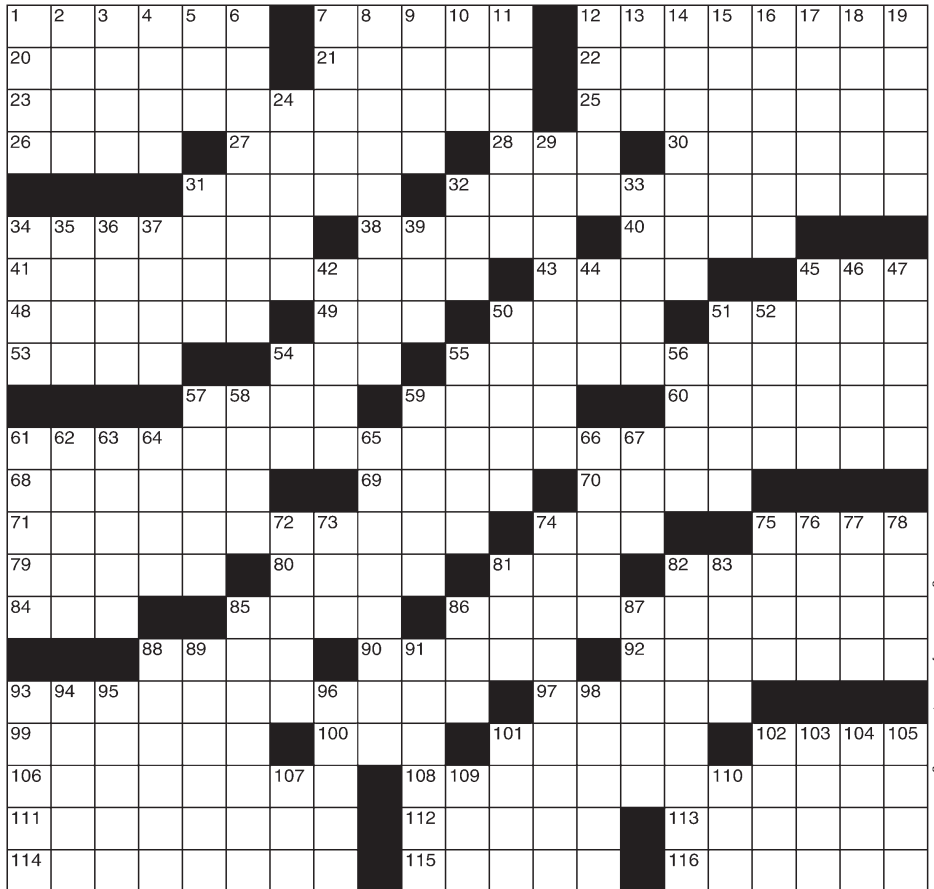


Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Plant is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cuff is added.

## Super Crossword

RECORD PLAYING

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1 "Same Old Love" singer Gomez  
7 Taken-back autos, e.g.  
12 Most adultlike  
20 Sanctuary  
21 Novelist Jong  
22 Undeveloped expanse  
23 Carole King album hanging as a decoration?  
25 Surpass  
26 Drafts to court  
27 Endures  
28 Big primate  
30 San — (Texas city, informally)  
31 Nixon veep Spiro  
32 Taylor Swift album signed for a Catholic dignitary?  
34 Title ship in a 1997 Spielberg epic  
38 Hullabaloo  
40 Hoodwink  
41 John Lennon album sitting there all by itself?  
43 Shoe parts  
45 "Attack, dog!"  
48 Portions out  
49 In the style of  
50 Closest buds, in brief  
51 Savoir-  
53 Get as profit  
54 Historic start?  
55 Write preliminary lyrics to a Patti Smith album?  
57 Healing sign  
59 Cello's ancestor  
60 Pop's Grande  
61 Michael Jackson album that plays mind games?  
68 Pope before Stephen IV  
69 Having no depth, in brief  
70 Spellbound  
71 Bob Marley album that's very popular in big cities?  
74 Granola bit  
75 Dearth  
79 Works by painter Joan  
80 Small bouquet  
81 Polymer used in piping, for short  
82 U.S. Navy builder  
84 Major Calif. airport code  
85 General — chicken  
86 Looking to buy a Beatles album?  
88 Only OK  
90 Frequently  
92 Least distant  
93 Badly damaged Fleetwood Mac album?  
97 Assessed  
99 Mad magazine's Alfred E. —  
100 Dryly funny  
101 Peeling knife  
102 Smartphone extras  
106 Mark up with comments  
108 Joni Mitchell album upon being hit by lightning?  
111 Billy Joel hit  
112 Stones  
113 Celestial dust cloud  
114 Parts of car wheels  
115 Cheeky  
116 Old Faithful is a famous one
- DOWN**  
1 Toothed toots  
2 Jacob's twin  
3 Actor Waggoner  
4 Edifice extensions  
5 Granola bit  
6 Mixtures  
7 Della of song  
8 Of times past  
9 Fruit stones  
10 Scanner of bar codes, for short  
11 Doc's throat-checking request  
12 Copied a cow  
13 Clerk on "The Simpsons"  
14 The "T" of the DPT vaccine  
15 Detach, as a jacket fastener  
16 Toy in a crib  
17 Mistake  
18 River by the Louvre  
19 Affixed, as gift wrap  
24 Bamboo-eating bear  
29 Comical tumble in slapstick  
31 Very busy  
32 Sebastian of England  
33 That is, to Tiberius  
34 Not closed all the way  
35 Stubborn sort  
36 Land in el agua  
37 Go no further  
39 Go — diet  
42 Greta of the silver screen  
44 Part of OTB  
45 Cordage fiber  
46 Dunne of the silver screen  
47 Labor leader Chávez  
50 Extensive  
51 Supporting the idea  
52 Seed casing  
54 Compadre  
55 Chopped into small cubes  
56 Lyre relative  
57 Tibias' places  
58 Spiral shape  
59 Title cousin in a 1992 film  
61 Purple fruits  
62 Letter flourish  
63 "Hey, dude!"  
64 Turin "Ta-ta!"  
65 Turns rancid  
66 Part of OTB  
67 Chapeau  
72 — salts  
73 Slimy stuff  
74 Bakers get their mitts on them  
75 Oz lion player Bert  
76 Busy as —  
77 Cartoon pics  
78 Retained  
81 —-wee Herman  
82 Smiling evilly  
83 "Yikes!"  
85 Huge wave  
86 Rds.  
87 Bury  
88 Actress Raven-  
89 Speechifier  
91 Fast-food cooks  
93 Not inclined  
94 Spirits in lamps  
95 Of the moon  
96 "Hee Haw" co-host Buck  
98 Bohemian  
101 Delts' neighbors  
102 "Dear" advice columnist  
103 In addition to  
104 Cry feebly  
105 Blacken, as a steak  
107 Scoot's cap  
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# LOCAL VIEWS

## ELECTIONS: Contested races held across Rochelle area

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#### Hillcrest village president

For the Hillcrest village board president race, incumbent Randall K. Salsbury (74 votes, 44.95 percent) fell to Board Member Richard Rhoads (91 votes, 55.15 percent). Dan Potter (99 votes) and Timothy R. Ball (105 votes) ran unopposed to keep their Hillcrest Village Board members positions Tuesday.

#### AFC

In the race for the Ashton-Franklin Center School District Board, Jackie Fransen, Kyle McClanahan, Tim Henert and Mark Delhotal were elected to board member positions over Cullen Searing.

#### Other races

In unopposed races, Flag-Rochelle Park District Board Commissioners ran unopposed to keep their positions including the four-year terms of Ryan Tartaglia (885 votes), Jodie Hart (1,140 votes), Joseph Lenkaitis (966 votes)

and John Dobbs (1,194 votes) and the two-year term of Dale Wells (1,423 votes). Tartaglia's position will be resigned due to him recently moving out of the district and an appointment process will soon begin.

Creston Village Trustees Michael Kerns (43 votes) and Mark Hibshman (47 votes) ran unopposed for four-year terms Tuesday.

Creston-Dement Public Library District Trustees Douglas Kroupa (64 votes), Mark Korth (69 votes) and Jan Heal (76 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday for four-year terms and Ashley Newlun (63 votes) and Alan Polansky (67 votes) ran unopposed for two-year terms.

Daniel L. Graber (75 votes) and Deborah Katzman (71 votes) ran unopposed for the Creston School District Board.

Callie Johnson (95 votes), David W. Schabacker (109 votes) and Todd Schabacker (107 votes) ran unopposed for two-year terms on the Kings School District Board and Nicole Adamski (95 votes), Kyle



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**For the Rochelle city council race, incumbents Tom McDermott (675 votes, 21.9 percent) and Bill Hayes (408 votes, 13.3 percent) won reelection and new challenger Ben Valdivieso (566 votes, 18.4 percent) will join them on the council.**

Osborne (103 votes), Danielle Beck (93 votes) and Jacob Good (103 votes) ran unopposed for four-year terms.

Susan Sevedge (1,439 votes) ran unopposed Tuesday for the Flag-Ro-

chelle Public Library Board of Trustees.

Robert B. Johnson (1,388 votes), Robert L. Hammon (1,285) and Ronda R. Bruch (1,262) ran unopposed for Kishwaukee College Board of

Trustees positions.

Thomas Brooks (5,037 votes) ran unopposed for a position on the Regional Board of School Trustees.

Lance Noggle (483 votes) and Loni Sarver Jr. (470 votes) ran unopposed

for Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District six-year terms.

Ogle County as a whole saw a 19.4 percent voter turnout, with 6,349 ballots cast out of 32,648 registered voters.

## CRESTON: Permit application received from Creston-Dement Public Library District

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MGD Water Solutions operates for the Village of Hillcrest, Maple Park and a handful of systems in Rockford.

#### Hopkins

Greg Hopkins was unanimously appointed by the board to serve a two-year term as trustee. Hopkins was a trustee before the Tuesday election and planned to run for reelection, but did not make it onto the ballot due to a "mix up" in registration, Byro said.

Trustees Mike Kerns and Mark Hibshman were on the April 4 ballot and ran unopposed and will continue on the board.

#### Library

Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim and Village Engineer Kevin Bunge said plans and a permit application have been received from the Creston-Dement Public Library District for the planned construction of a new library starting early this summer.

"The architect sent Kevin a copy," Bunge said. "He's reviewing it for a site plan and it all deals with water and sewer hookups and what's available and drainage on the property. They've done a really nice job on it. Once Kevin is happy with everything, I will issue them a permit. With the way it was laid out, they did a great job on it."

#### Solar

The village board discussed the idea of additional solar panels in Creston in the future including leasing village land to a developer, installing its own solar panels, residents having their own solar and a possible ordinance update to allow the village to charge more for solar permits.

Village Zoning/Planning Committee Member Reid Elliot, who has experience in the solar industry, provided trustees with information that they will consider for possible action in the future. Elliot said government incentives and increased efficiency are driving solar across the state.

"If we're interested in doing some solar in the village, that's fine with me," Byro said. "If we're not, that's also fine with

me. It's going to be up to the board."

Byro said installing solar to potentially offset the village's power expenses could be an attractive venture.

"If we can save the village some money, is it feasible to do?" Byro said. "Think about this and whether we should pursue it."

Manheim brought up the idea to the board of a new ordinance for those that install solar in the village that will allow Creston to charge for permits. He works with various other municipalities that have put something similar into place and said he will bring an ordinance to village officials for review.

"This deals with what's allowed in town, both residential and commercial," Manheim said. "It has a rate for charging based on anything from a house to a big solar farm. I think if solar is going to be around for a while, we should at least benefit from it."

#### Engineering

Bunge gave an engineering update during the meeting on a number of projects. He said the village will soon have a preconstruction meeting with its contractor for its upcoming \$156,694 water main project. \$89,000-90,000 of the work will be paid for by federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. After the meet-

ing, the project will begin as soon as the contractor is able.

Bunge said the village is still making efforts to meet with the Illinois Commerce Commission and railroad to move along its project to construct quiet zones at crossings to alleviate train horns in Creston.

The village has also been in talks with its contractor for its upcoming well maintenance project and Bunge said he hoped to soon set dates for the project that will see Well 3 rehabilitated in coming weeks. The well

hasn't been pulled for maintenance since it was installed in 1980. The village plans to have a new pump motor on site when the well is pulled for maintenance to use while repairs take place.

#### Properties

Village Attorney Russell Crull said Creston is currently in litigation with the owners of six properties that have village ordinance violations including homes in disrepair and cars and rubbish on the properties against village code.

Manheim and Crull

have been working on the issues for a number of months and the village attorney said the goal is to get the properties up to code. Manheim said one of the six property owners has been in communication and working with him on cleaning up their property.

"There have not been any judgements yet. When Casper and the board say it's acceptable, then we'll keep them out of court," Crull said. "I've told all of them they're still responsible to come to court until we dismiss it. Our goal is compliance."

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# SPORTS



## SPLITTING THE SERIES

The Rochelle Hub baseball team opened Interstate 8 play against Plano this week.

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### RTHS Baseball

# Hubs roll over H-BR

10-run inning highlights 18-4 nonconference win over Royals on Thursday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Protecting the plate with a two-strike count, senior Noah Lara took an outside fastball up the middle for a two-run single in the bottom of the fourth inning as the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team looked for its second straight win against Hinckley-Big Rock on Thursday.

Lara’s approach was indicative of an adjustment the Hubs have made in recent games. With more focus on hard contact and less focus on swinging for the fences, Rochelle’s offense exploded for 10 runs in the fourth inning, where the Hubs batted around the order and ultimately sealed an 18-4 win over the Royals. Rochelle (3-4, 1-1 Interstate 8) has scored 32 runs over its last two games after notching a run-rule victory over the Plano Reapers on Wednesday night.

“We really struggled to hit the ball over our first couple of games, but this win is a huge confidence booster for us,” Lara said. “These last couple of games show what our potential is and what we’re capable of. Our mental approach has been better

and we’re looking for line drives up the middle and into the opposite field. We were all trying to hit home runs at the beginning of the season, but now we’re looking for line drives and we’re hitting a lot better.”

While the Royals struck first on a two-run homer from Martin Ledbetter in the top of the first inning, Rochelle fired right back with a five-run effort in the bottom half of the frame. The Hubs opened with three consecutive singles before senior Alex Burnette drew a bases-loaded walk. Two batters later, senior Dylan Gapski tied the game with an RBI single and senior Garrett Gensler drilled a two-run single up the middle to give the Hubs a 5-2 lead in the game.

A bases-loaded walk allowed the Royals to earn one run back in the top of the second inning. Rochelle pulled ahead 8-3 with three runs in the bottom of the third inning, where Gapski doubled and scored on an error before Gensler and freshman Brode Metzger each reached base and scored on wild pitches. The Hubs ignited their 10-run fourth frame with a lead-off double from Burnette and an RBI single from senior



The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team dominated Hinckley-Big Rock 18-4 on Thursday. At left, senior Dylan Gapski digs in at the plate. At right, junior Chandler Cunningham takes a lead from second base.

Brad Cooney, who scored on a wild pitch.

Junior Brock Metzger drew a bases-loaded walk and senior Colton O’Rourke drew a hit-by-pitch to make the score 12-4 with only one out in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Lara’s two-run single gave Rochelle a 10-run lead and Cooney’s second RBI knock of the frame, a two-out single through the left side of the infield, made the score 15-4. Gapski and Gensler iced the 10-run frame with consecutive



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

RBI singles to give the Hubs their largest lead of the afternoon.

“Our team chemistry is a lot better than it was last year and I feel like we have a much closer group this year,” Lara said. “I think we have a chance to

finish near the top of the conference. We just have to keep our same approach at the plate and look to hit line drives. If our pitchers can throw strikes and we continue to hit the ball like this, we’ll be able to find more wins.”

### RTHS Softball

# 12-run sixth inning lifts Sandwich over Rochelle

Smardo homers, goes 2-for-3 as Lady Hubs fall to Indians 21-3 on Thursday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team endured a difficult Interstate 8 Conference contest on Thursday, conceding six runs in the fourth inning before allowing 12 runs in the sixth inning as the Sandwich Indians cruised over the purple and white for a 21-3 victory.

Breanna Sexton walked and scored to give Sandwich a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Rochelle (1-4, 1-1 Interstate 8) tied the game during the bottom of the second inning, where senior Morgan Smardo reached on a bunt single and scored on a passed ball later in the frame. Jillian Ashley singled and scored to put the Indians ahead 2-1 in the top of the third inning.

Sandwich broke the game open during the top of the fourth inning, tallying six runs on three singles, two walks and two errors to surge ahead of the Lady Hubs 8-1. Smardo answered for Rochelle in the bottom of the fourth inning, belting a two-run homer after sophomore Lauren Dyer doubled to

lead off the frame. Smardo’s home run made the score 8-3 in favor of the Indians, who saw Allison Olson double and score to add one Sandwich run in the fifth inning.

The Indian offense exploded in the top of the sixth inning, recording 12 runs on one home run, two doubles, two singles, three errors, four walks and one hit batter. Dyer went 2-for-3 with a double and a single for the Lady Hubs, while Smardo totaled two RBIs and went 2-for-3.

## Plano

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team secured its first win of the season on Monday, defeating Plano 12-6 to start the Interstate 8 Conference schedule.

Sophomore Lauren Dyer took the circle for the Lady Hubs (1-3, 1-0 Interstate 8), throwing five and one-third innings and recording three strikeouts. Senior Morgan Smardo entered in relief and secured the road victory for Rochelle, firing the final one and two-thirds innings and adding five strikeouts.

See GIRLS page 3



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity softball team conceded a home loss against Sandwich on Thursday. At left, junior Ella Alfano seeks out a pitch to hit. At right, sophomore Lauren Dyer makes a throw from the shortstop spot.





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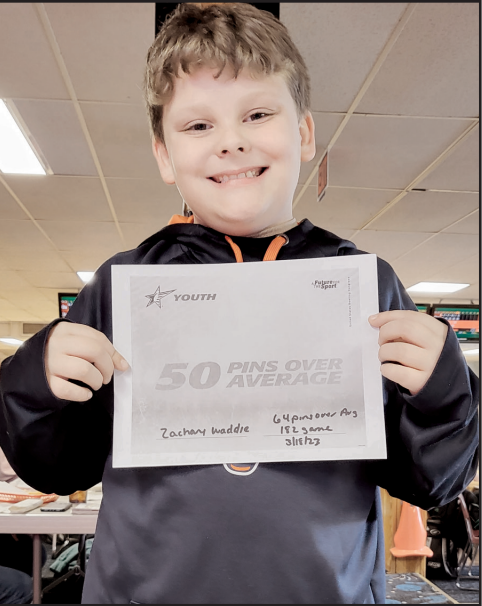


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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



Local league bowlers Sam Tracey, Logan Frye and Zachary Waddle (top to bottom) have all grown on the lanes over the last several years, in more ways than one.

## Local bowlers growing on the lanes

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — T-Byrd Lanes recently recognized three league bowlers who've made significant strides on the lanes. Sam Tracey earned a 100 Pins Over Average Award for rolling a high score of 279 on March 11.

"Sam started bowling with our program in 2017,"

league coordinator Annette Mickley said. "To see Sam get more self confidence over the years, I was so happy when joined the high school bowling team last year. He has a great smile I sure will miss it."

Logan Frye also earned a 100 Pins Over Average Award on March 11 for shooting a high score of 258. Zachary Waddle earned a 50

Pins Over Average Award for a high score of 182 on March 18.

"Zachary has improved so much over the years," Mickley said. "I am so proud of Zachary's sportsmanship. He has helped cheer on others each week. His smile lights up the bowling alley every Saturday... Logan has the best sportsmanship and he's always helping others."

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# SPORTS

RTHS Track & Field

## Rochelle teams open outdoor season at Plano Hub and Lady Hub athletes secure second-place finishes in five-team meet

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PLANO** — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams opened the outdoor season at Plano High School on Wednesday, where the athletes competed in a five-team meet with Plano, Ottawa, Hinckley-Big Rock and Crossroads Christian Academy. The Lady Hubs finished second with 62 points in the meet and the Hubs also finished second with 84 points on Wednesday.

### Hubs

Junior Luis Hernandez won the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:14.86 and the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:23:40. Freshman Declan McGee took second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:37.50 and the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:07.68. Rochelle's 3200-meter relay team (Thomas Koziol, Chris Hickey, Elijah Mayen and Abel Huerta) won with a time of 10:31.94. Freshman Elijah Mayen won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.89 and freshman Andrew Johnson took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.67 seconds. Rochelle's 800-meter relay team (Ethan Bergeson, Miles Hunley, Andrew Nuyen and Kenny Overton) took second with a time of 1:53.37 and Ro-

chelle's 400-meter relay team (Jackson Smith, Nathan Sergeant, Reece Harris and Miles Hunley) placed third with a time of 48.84 seconds.

Junior Carlos Tomas and senior Landon DeLille tied for third place in the shot put with respective distances of 11.14 meters. Sophomore Jack Tilton won the high jump with a clearance of 1.62 meters and sophomore Virgil O'Dell took second in the long jump with a distance of 5.37 meters. Junior Nathan Sergeant and freshman Caden Goodwin took second and third in the triple jump with respective distances of 10.64 meters and 10.49 meters.

### Lady Hubs

Junior Kylie Smith won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:10.32 and freshman Savanna Wilson took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:07.84. Freshman Annaliese Koziol won the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:21.54 and freshman Rose Luxton took third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 7:41.60. Junior Alivia Henkel won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.19 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.66 seconds.

Rochelle's 400-meter relay (Kylie Smith, Miranda Dubek, Alex Neece



Freshman Wyatt Worthington (left) and sophomore Zoe White (right) sprint to the finish line during the Rochelle Township High School track and field team's meet at Plano High School on Wednesday.

and Rylee Jackson) took second in 57.23 seconds. Rochelle's 800-meter relay team (Alex Neece, Zoe White, Rylee Jackson and

Arline Villanueva) won in 2:04.94 and Rochelle's 3200-meter relay team (Bridgett Ramirez, Brisa Zepeda, Emely Hernandez



(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

and Mary Chadwick) took third in 13:51.40.

Henkel won the long jump with a distance of 4.62 meters. Junior Ken-

nedy Adamski placed third in the long jump and the triple jump with respective distances of 4.09 meters and 7.77 meters.

## GIRLS: Softball team earns conference win over Plano

From page 1

Back-to-back doubles from Smardo and freshman Madigan Williams gave the Lady Hubs a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Plano earned one run back after Taylor Downs tripled

and Maddie Cesario belted an RBI double in the bottom of the first inning. Rochelle took a 6-1 lead in the top of the second inning, where senior Layla Pelan slapped a two-run single to deep center field and junior Macy Belmonte sent a two-

run double up the middle two batters later.

The Lady Hubs surged ahead in the top of the third inning, plating five more runs to take a commanding 11-1 lead. Pelan sparked the rally with an RBI single before Dyer blasted

a two-run triple into right field three batters later. Smardo and sophomore Abby Metzger capped off the frame with RBI singles to give the Lady Hubs their largest advantage of the contest.

The Reapers slowly

crept back into the game, tallying one run in the bottom of the third inning before adding four runs on two homers and an RBI triple in the bottom of the fourth inning. Belmonte doubled and stole home for the final Rochelle run

in the top of the fifth inning, helping the Lady Hubs remain ahead 12-6. Smardo relieved Dyer in the pitcher's circle midway through the bottom of the sixth inning, recording all five of her outs by strikeout to seal the victory.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Baseball

# Hubs halve Interstate 8 Conference series with Plano

## Metzger finishes 4-for-4 as Rochelle takes down Reapers 14-4 on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Junior Brock Metzger filled his lead-off role in excellent fashion Wednesday evening, finishing 4-for-4 with one RBI as the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team looked to secure its first Interstate 8 Conference win of the season against the Plano Reapers. Looking for revenge after conceding the home-and-home series opener against the Reapers on Monday, Rochelle commanded the early lead on Wednesday, scoring nine runs across the second and third innings. The Hubs closed out the game with a three-run sixth inning, where junior Brady Schabacker scored on a passed ball to clinch Rochelle's 14-4 win over Plano. The Hubs (2-4, 1-1 Interstate 8) will host Hinckley-Big Rock for a nonconference game Thursday.

"We hit the ball really well today and I feel like we did a pretty good job in the field," said Metzger, who earned the win on the pitcher's mound after throwing four and two-thirds innings with six strikeouts. "I've been focusing on hitting the ball hard and hitting the ball in the air. I feel like I'm seeing the ball really well right now. We have a new team this season and it's been a fun environment so far. If we can start finding the gaps, we're going to start hitting the ball better."

Plano tallied one run on a RBI groundout from Jason Phillips in the top of the first inning. Senior

Colton O'Rorke tied the score for the Hubs in the bottom of the first inning, sending an RBI single to the right side before scoring on another RBI single from senior Alex Burnette, who went 3-for-3 in the win. Rochelle recorded four runs in the bottom of the second inning, where Burnette's second RBI single of the afternoon allowed senior Noah Lara to cross home plate.

Leading 6-1, Rochelle surged ahead with a five-run effort in the bottom of the third inning, where the Hubs saw seniors Lara, Burnette and Bradley Cooney slap three straight RBI singles. Cooney finished 2-for-3 for the Hubs, who held an 11-1 lead over the Reapers before Plano scratched one run during each of the next three frames to make it a seven-run contest.

Freshman Brode Metzger singled up the middle and scored on an error for the first of three Rochelle runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Senior Garrett Gensler reached on an infield single before coming home on Brock Metzger's fourth hit of the afternoon, a double into deep left-center field. The final run came after junior Dylan Whaley smacked an opposite-side single to the shortstop. Whaley was subbed out for a pinch runner, Schabacker, who advanced to third on Metzger's double before scoring on a passed ball to seal the home win for the Hubs.

### Monday

The Rochelle Hub var-



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team took on Plano this week in Interstate 8 Conference play. At left, senior Aidan Rodriguez looks for a pitch to hit. At right, junior Dylan Whaley fires a pitch.

sity baseball team opened Interstate 8 Conference action against Plano on Monday, falling 9-3 in the first of a home-and-home set with the Reapers. Senior Bradley Cooney took the mound for the Hubs (1-4, 0-1 Interstate 8), throwing five innings and striking out four batters while limiting the Reapers to three earned runs in

the loss.

Plano took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, where Jason Phillips sent an RBI double into left field before Kaden Aguirre slapped an RBI single into center field. Senior Alex Burnette hit a sacrifice fly in the top of the third inning for the Hubs, making the score 2-1 before the Reapers

responded with two runs in the bottom of the third inning, where Nick Serio delivered an RBI double and Josh Stellwagen followed with an RBI single to push Plano ahead 4-1.

Rochelle fought back in the top of the fifth inning, making the score 4-3 after freshman Brode Metzger's RBI single and sophomore Brandyn Metzger's sac-

rifice fly brought seniors Colton O'Rorke and Aidan Rodriguez home. Plano clinched the win with a five-run sixth inning, however, taking advantage of five walks and two errors from the Hubs to take a six-run lead.

Brock Metzger went 2-for-3 to lead the Rochelle offense, which totaled only four hits in the loss.

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# SPORTS

## Forge Wrestling Club

# Local athletes battle at Rockford East tournaments

## Several wrestlers take home top finishes in freestyle and greco-roman events

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCKFORD** — The Forge Wrestling Club sent 16 athletes to the 2023 Rockford East Freestyle and Greco-Roman Developmental tournament on Sunday.

Three wrestlers earned third-place finishes in the freestyle competition and seven wrestlers placed first in the greco-roman competition.

### Greco-Roman

Wells Millard finished first in the 8U 46-52 Division with a 2-0 record, notching two consecutive falls over Fox Lake's Ryan Campos. Nehemiah Andronic finished first in the 10U 63-67 Division with a 2-0 record, earning a 8-0 technical fall and a

15-12 decision over Fox Lake's Ean Campos. Teddy Millard finished first in the 12U 68-69 Division with a 2-0 record, scoring a 10-2 technical fall and a fall against Alpha Wrestling Academy's Axel Applequist.

Hadley Losoya finished first in the 14U 119-125 Division with a 2-0 record, notching two straight falls over Alpha Wrestling Academy's Jaydee Duke. Brenden Voight finished first in the 16U 152-158 Division with a 2-0 record, earning a 10-0 technical fall over Alber Athletics wrestler Brody Stein as well as a 14-4 technical fall over Hononegah wrestler Emerson Gantz.

Landyn Windham finished first in the 16U 179-185 Division with a 3-0 record, scoring a fall over

Fox Lake's Larry Williams as well as a 10-0 technical fall over Fox Lake's Michael Cronkite and a 17-8 technical fall over Forge's Jackson Windham. Tommy Tourdot finished first in the Junior 126-138 Division with a 2-1 record, notching a fall and a 8-0 tech fall over Forge's Weylin Nay.

Dom Escatel took second in the 10U 75-79 Division with a 1-1 record, scoring a 10-0 technical fall over Alber Athletics wrestler Phinehas Nadig. Benjamin Morris took second in the 14U 132-133 Division and Maddison Wickham took second in the 16U 108-116 Division. Weylin Nay took second in the Junior 126-138 Division, recording one fall over Forge's Tommy Tourdot.

Landon Heckman finished fourth in the 16U 124-

132 Division and Jackson Windham finished fourth in the 16U 179-185 Division.

### Freestyle

Nehemiah Andronic finished first in the 10U 62-67 Division with a 2-0 record, scoring 10-0 technical falls against Fox Lake's Ean Campos and Alpha Wrestling's Adam Larsen. Brenden Voight finished first in the 16U 145-153 Division with a 2-0 record, earning a 13-2 technical fall over ISI's Michael Junitz and a 16-6 technical fall over Alber Athletics wrestler Brody Stein.

Landyn Windham finished first in the 16U 180-188 Division with a 2-0 record, edging Bronco's Gavin Erickson by 12-11 decision and notching a fall over Fox Lake's Michael

Cronkite. Weylin Nay took second in the Junior 138-142 Division with a 1-1 record, earning an injury default over Alpha Wrestling's Malik Ali. Dempsey Atkinson took second in the 16U 143-146 Division with a 2-1 record, defeating Waubonsie's Nate Moore by 6-5 decision and George McShane by forfeit.

Andrew Magnuson took second in the 16U 132-134 Division with a 1-1 record, notching a fall over Alpha Wrestling's Cristo Martinez. Landon Heckman took second in the 16U 116-124 Division with a 2-1 record, scoring a decision over ISI's Carlos Aldaco and a 10-0 technical fall over Maddison Wickham. Cammyla Macias took second in the 16U 106-116 Division with a 2-1 record, beating Alpha Wrestling's Miraya

Irizarry by fall and Dustyn Calvert by 10-0 tech fall.

Benjamin Morris took second in the 14U 128-132 Division with a 1-1 record, earning a fall over Alber's Piper Sandell. Teddy Millard took second in the 12U 65-69 Division with a 1-1 record, notching a 10-0 tech fall against Alpha Wrestling's Axel Applequist. Wells Millard took second in the 10U 46-54 Division with a 1-1 record, scoring a fall over Fox Lake's Ryan Campos.

Dominic Escatel placed third in the 10U 75-79 Division and Hadley Losoya placed third in the 14U 119-128 Division with a 1-2 record, winning by 10-6 decision over Alber Athletics wrestler Brannick Alexander. Maddison Wickham finished fourth in the 16U 116-124 Division.

## RTHS Girls Soccer

# Lady Hubs score Interstate 8 Conference win at Ottawa

## Varsity team moves to 3-3 overall after Monday afternoon loss against Oregon

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**OTTAWA** — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team snapped a three-match losing streak on Wednesday, with four different players scoring goals as the purple and white defeated the Ottawa Pirates 4-1 in Interstate 8 Conference action. The Lady Hubs (3-3, 1-0 Interstate 8) outshot the Pirates 22-10 and were an even 7-7 in shots on goal during the midweek contest.

Rochelle surged ahead during the fourth minute, when senior midfielder Mavi Avila connected

with junior forward Kara Martinez for the first goal of the match. The Lady Hubs took a 2-0 lead after sophomore midfielder Makayla Lara cashed in an unassisted goal during the 14th minute.

Rochelle earned a 3-0 halftime advantage after senior defender Kailey Harris assisted junior forward Sydney Thorne for a goal during the 36th minute. Ottawa avoided the shutout with a goal during the 50th minute, but the Lady Hubs fired back soon after, clinching the victory after Harris converted an unassisted goal in the 56th minute. Junior Danica

Ward recorded six saves.

### Oregon

A defensive battle emerged as the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer sought out a nonconference road win against the Oregon Hawks on

Monday.

Despite outshooting Oregon 12-11 and 6-4 in shots on goal, Rochelle was unable to find an equalizer after the Hawks gained the early advantage, falling 1-0 in a low-scoring contest.

Sophomore Makayla Lara finished with eight shots and three on goal, while sophomore Betty Flores had four shots and three on goal.

Oregon took the early lead, scoring during the 13th minute and holding

the Lady Hubs at bay for the remainder of the match.

Freshman Deissy Torres totaled three saves in net for the Lady Hubs (2-3, 0-0 Interstate 8), who've lost three straight after opening the season with two wins.

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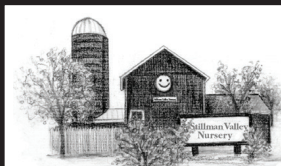
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