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## Jail roof project update presented Human resources information system approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**OREGON** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board heard an update from Board Member Don Griffin on its project that involves solar panels in the roof of the recently-constructed Ogle County Judicial Center.

The Ogle County Judicial Center replaced the former Ogle County Jail, which was recently demolished. Stateline Solar is the county's contractor on the solar panel project and board members were shown photos of the progress on Tuesday. The county saw delays in receiving equipment for the project such as inverters and a switch.

"We did get the inverters in finally and then we were waiting for the switch we needed," Griffin said. "That all came in and the contractors were on site last week. The inverters have been mounted on the outside wall. That's all been installed and hopefully next week they'll be on site to finish the majority of that project and we should be getting close to being operational. We're seeing movement on it. It's a matter of once it's all hooked up,



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finishing the net metering connection with ComEd."

### Human resources

The board approved the purchase of a new human resource information system from Paycom by a vote of 22-1. The system involves a \$6,500 initial cost and \$1,500 payroll cost and expenses each pay period will depend on the number of employees receiving compensation.

Paycom was the lower

of the final two systems the board considered, Board Chairman John Finrock said. A human resource information system is required for record keeping, and Finrock said the county has not had one "for quite a long time."

"We want to get started so we can get it faster and be able to use it and meet requirements," Finrock said. "I think we did our due diligence."

The agreement with Paycom does not involve a contract. The county will

have access to a support team for it. Board Member Bruce Larson said the cost per person paid per pay period will be \$165.

### Road & bridge

The board unanimously approved a bid from Martin & Company Excavating for \$1.629 million for a project that will replace the existing bridge on Leaf River Road over Leaf River with a longer bridge with a larger opening.

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## Electric increase planned

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — At its March 27 meeting, the Rochelle City Council will vote on a new electric pricing schedule for Rochelle Municipal Utilities.

At its March 13 meeting, the city council heard and discussed details of an electric rate study on RMU done by Utility Power Solutions. UFS has developed a three-year plan that will result in small increases to the customer charge to help cover the fixed costs of RMU. The first year changes also include small decreases in rates to accommodate the increase in customer charge. The new 2023 rate structure results in a 1.11 percent increase in rates over the average of all rate classes. The March 27 decision will impact the first year of increases.

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## From the Heart presents second round of checks Four \$10,000 donations made to area nonprofit organizations

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — At Tuesday's meeting of the Rochelle Rotary Club, From the Heart President/Founder Dave Eckhardt and Rotary President Adam Heal presented \$10,000 checks to four area nonprofits from proceeds from the 2023 From the Heart gala.

Representatives from Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Pegasus Special Riders and Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center accepted checks Tuesday and CASA will receive its check at a later date. Representatives from the Hub City Senior Center, Foundation for Focus House, Rochelle Area Community Foundation and HOPE of Ogle County received checks on March 14. The 2023 gala raised \$80,000 this year, hitting its goal to give each nonprofit \$10,000.

"As I said last week, this is my favorite part of the From the Heart event, giving out the money," Eckhardt said.



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Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director Jessica Cash was the first to accept a check Tuesday. Her organization is the child advocacy

center that serves Ogle and Lee County and works with children and families that have been affected by child abuse.

Shining Star works

alongside police, DCFS, the FBI and prosecutors on child abuse cases. It provides forensic interviewing of children, counseling, court advocacy, medical

exams, support groups for kids and parents, community abuse prevention programs and more, Cash said.

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# VOTE APRIL 4TH



# LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The 2023 From the Heart gala raised \$80,000 this year, hitting its goal to give each nonprofit \$10,000. From the Heart presented its second round of checks during Tuesday's Rotary meeting.

## FTH: Donations made to local organizations

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"We're very grateful for this money," Cash said. "We're funded by grants, donations and fundraisers. For example, last year we had a team over for an interview with a child and our forensic interview camera went down while the family was there. It cost \$5,000 to replace that camera and we used the funds we got from From the Heart last year. Getting this unrestricted donation is very helpful for us. Thank you for that."

Eckhardt said one of the reasons From the Heart started was because he served on several nonprofit boards and saw issues with funds they had that were only for certain restricted uses.

"That's why when we

created From the Heart, we said the funds can be used for anything that's needed," Eckhardt said. "That's a pretty big deal to these groups."

Pegasus Special Riders Treasurer Nancy Reed was the next to accept a check Tuesday. Her organization provides therapeutic horseback riding experiences for those who are physically and mentally challenged. Riding helps with cognitive balance and volunteers and instructors assist in the lessons.

Last year, Pegasus Special Riders sustained damage to its arena during a wind event that caused a total replacement.

"We're in the process of replacing it now," Reed said. "They have slated lessons to start in June.

Usually we start in April. We didn't have a single lesson last year because of the disaster and we didn't have any place for them to ride safely. It's been an experience. Our funding comes from donations. We're very appreciative to be involved with From the Heart."

Cal Jacobs accepted a check on behalf of Rochelle Christian Food Pantry. In 2022, it saw 1,000 more visitors and spent over \$30,000 more on food than it did in 2021. It also saw over 300 new clients. The increases are still being seen, and January this year set an all-time record for the food pantry with 475 visits in one month. It also saw the most visits in any February last month (288).

"The neat thing about

it is the generosity of the community we live in," Jacobs said. "It's unbelievable. There's people that make donations all the time. We're seldom short of help. We get a lot of volunteers every month. It's a great cause. We feel very good about what we're doing and this will help us continue to do that. We're a full-service organization. What anybody needs, we do. And that's what we feel we're there for."

CASA Executive Director Trisha Tayon was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict and will receive a check at a later date. Her organization recruits volunteers that serve abused and neglected children in the court system in Ogle County.



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## Public invited to attend city's comprehensive planning meetings

**ROCHELLE** — The City of Rochelle is currently in the process of updating its comprehensive plan.

The city will be holding comprehensive planning workshops at each of its Planning & Zoning Commission meetings, which are held the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the workshops to provide input and feedback.

The city last updated its comprehensive plan in 2016.

"Our comprehensive



plan is our road map for our community," City Community Development Director Michelle Pease said. "All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Planning & Zoning workshops the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. I am excited to go through the process again to see what we have already accomplished and what is next."

## Arbor Day Foundation names Rochelle 2022 Tree City USA

**ROCHELLE** — The City of Rochelle was named a 2022 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The city achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials,

volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Rochelle make smart investments in urban forests," Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation, said. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits. More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

## 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 first 10 containers of latex paint per vehicle will cost \$1 per quart-sized container, \$2 per gallon-sized container and \$10 per five-gallon pail. The OCSWMD will subsidize the remaining cost to recycle the latex paint. Any additional containers of latex paint will be charged the full price to recycle, which is \$3 per quart, \$6 per gallon, and \$20 per 5-gallon pail. Cash, credit card or checks payable to "EarthPaint.org" will be accepted for payment.

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes and spray cans will also be accepted. Residents will have to cover the full cost for recycling oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes. Costs to recycle are \$6 per quart-sized container, \$10 per gallon-sized container, and \$25 per five-gallon pail. Cash, credit card or checks payable to "EarthPaint.org" will be accepted for payment.

No business or contractor paints accepted. No bulking or combining of latex paint. Bulk latex paint cannot be recycled

in this program.

EarthPaint.org is a nonprofit business in the Chicago area that works with adults with special needs and disabilities to sort and recycle unwanted latex paint into new paint or other products.

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. For over 10 items aerosol cans will be \$1 each and propane and butane cylinders will be \$3 each for recycling. 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.

In addition, 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 boxes per vehicle. No business or institutional material accepted.

There is no cost to residents for paper shredding, because the OCSWMD will cover the cost of the Shred-Beast truck and staff.

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.



# LOCAL NEWS

## RMU: City Council to vote on new electric pricing schedule

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A three percent total increase over the next three years is expected.

Residential customers would see a \$1 increase in the first year in their service charges from \$9 to \$10. Larger industrial customers would see increases ranging from \$10-72. The increases were suggested due to RMU's need for more funds on hand for emergencies, planned upgrades to its infrastructure and rising power costs.

On March 13, the council also held a public hearing for and unanimously approved the issuance of electric revenue bonds not to exceed \$5.2 million to help pay for improvements to RMU's electric system including a new substation on Centerpoint Drive, diesel plant feeder exits and several residential underground projects that will be necessary in the next few years.

"The debt we're taking out will help to balance everything out," RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said. "This way, we don't have to do a five or 10 percent rate increase. I think a three percent rate increase is reasonable. If you look all around us at ComEd, Ameren and everyone else, they've gone with 10-20 percent rate increases. I think RMU and the city have done well trying to hedge against these large rate increases."

Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh called a three percent rate increase over three years "very minimal" compared to other utility providers. The average retail price for residential power is over 17 cents, and RMU is at 12 cents. If the new pricing schedule is approved March 27, it wouldn't take effect until

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April and wouldn't be seen on bills until the following month, Fiegenschuh said.

Toliver said the infrastructure upgrade he's most excited about is the new substation on Centerpoint Drive west of town. That will allow for more power redundancy and back up around town which will make for less-widespread power loss during outages.

"We'll have capacity available to back feed everything and we'll have a small isolated area of 10 customers out as opposed to 500-600 customers out," Toliver said.

The debt issuance and new price schedule would also allow RMU to have more money on hand in the future in case of an emergency event causing damage to infrastructure such as electric poles.

"It was recommended that we have at least \$13 million in the bank at all times," Fiegenschuh said. "If a tornado comes through town and rips up half your poles, our reserves are our only insurance."

Toliver said RMU hasn't had a rate increase since 2017, which he is proud of. The extra cash on hand would also help protect RMU against price fluctuations when buying power to sell to its customers. The utility also faces future uncertainties including a state shift towards renewable energy, supply chain issues and inflation and more electric vehicles

impacting infrastructure and requiring upsizing.

"With electric vehicles, a lot of things are up in the air right now," Toliver said. "EV adoption in Rochelle is quite slow currently. We may see that as they become more affordable. A lot of Rochelle's homes in the core part of town are running on very small services that can't even handle an EV charger. Not only will the utility have to do some upgrades, but a lot of these homeowners will be some growing pains, but we're going to have to take it day by day and see where things go. I don't know of any utility in the nation that's 100 percent prepared for an EV in every home."

In his time as city manager, Fiegenschuh has been with RMU for almost six years and said he's pleased with how it's operated. The city council passed a strategic plan in 2018 with a focus on reinvesting in older infrastructure to increase reliability to prepare for the future, which is where a "good portion" of funds have been invested in the past five years.

"You have a group of very dedicated people here who want to see the utility succeed," Toliver said. "The thing about a municipality is we're not out to benefit an investor. Every dollar that comes back into utility is then re-spent on the utility. This is going right back into our service and what we provide."

## Free coin appraisal at Rochelle Moose

**ROCHELLE** — On Sunday, April 2, there will be a free coin appraisal at the Rochelle Moose. This event is open to the public and will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the lodge dining room with John Gruben

and Dave Schabacker doing the appraisals.

They can even evaluate foreign coinage and US paper money. The most valuable item appraised in the last couple years was a Gold Certificate from the

Steward Bank of Steward, Illinois, valued at over \$7,000. It is always a treasure hunt. Bring down your collection of coins you have gathered through the years and have them evaluated right here in Rochelle.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Valerie Jo Schabacker

**CHANA** — Valerie Jo Schabacker, 76, of Chana, passed away Wednesday, March 22 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. She was born Sept. 30, 1946, in Pekin, Illinois, the daughter of Frank and Lorene (Egli) McCoy. She married Thomas L. Schabacker on April 4, 1986, in Rochelle.

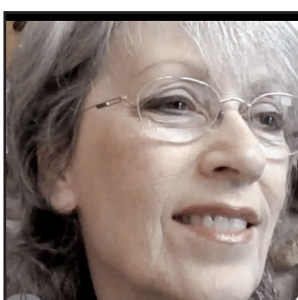
Val was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her family. She loved nature, her cats and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. She was an avid fan of the San Diego Chargers.

Val is survived by her husband, Tom; three sons:

David (Eileen) Herrmann, Douglas (Janelle) Herrmann and Chad (Myra) Schabacker; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank (Victoria) McCoy; two sisters: Nona (Jim) Kranawitter and Deborah (Eric) Leoni; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Val is preceded in death by a daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Triplett.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle. Cremation care will be provided following



the visitation. Entombment of cremated remains will take place at a later date in Lawnridge Mausoleum, Rochelle. Contributions in Val's memory may be directed to the Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon or OSF Hospice. Please visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Judith A. 'Judy' Aurand

**JUDITH A.** "Judy" Aurand, 82, passed away on Tuesday, March 21 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon with her son and daughter by her side after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Born on June 13, 1940 in a tenant house in rural Ashton,

Judy was the sixth of seven children born to Samuel and Elma (Allsup) Cultra. Judy attended a one-room Union country schoolhouse from first through fifth grade and then a "town" school, eventually graduating from Ashton High School in 1957 at the age of 16 with 28 in her graduating class.

She was a hard worker and started at age 10 by picking asparagus, de-tasseling corn and doing line work for Del Monte in Rochelle. In high school Judy car-hopped with her best friend, Shirley Engelkes Frahm. They double dated, partied and had a lot of good, wholesome "1950's" fun with a friendship that has stood the test of time and many cocktail hours.

While at a square dance in Chana with Shirley in 1957, Judy met John A. DeVries. They were married on Jan. 22, 1958, and her life as a farm wife began. She worked hard farming over 1,500 acres and raising 300 angus beef cows. Their marriage produced four children that became her world. In the late 1960s they established DeVries Grain and Fertilizer in Byron.

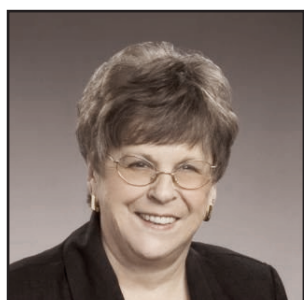
After a divorce in 1985, Judy happily left the farm

and worked for McGregor's Subscription and then Progressive Graphics in Oregon as an office manager. Later, Judy became a Realtor for Century 21 and then co-founded Blackhawk Realty in the late 1980s. On Aug. 20, 1993, Judy remarried to LaMonte "Butch" Aurand in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Butch operated heavy machinery and also attained his real estate license, so they could work as a team. In 2003 Judy started REMAX of Rock Valley in Oregon with her daughter, Carla Benesh. Judy won countless awards throughout her real estate career. She was a member of the Rockford Area Realtors Association, the National Association of Realtors and the Mt. Morris Moose Lodge.

Judy was also very active in her children's lives which included traveling across the country attending Arabian horse shows and taking flying lessons. A proud lifetime member of the NRA, she believed in the right to bear arms and did. After retirement Judy enjoyed swimming, traveling, target shooting, lobster and cocktails. She adored Elvis. Judy was very patriotic and a "regular" at the Oregon VFW. She even made her famous potato salad for many VFW luncheons.

Judy is predeceased by her husband, parents, daughter Amy Luepkes, infant daughter Catherine Lynn DeVries, sister Ella Marie Miller and two brothers Bill and Don



Cultra. Judy is survived by her children John (Cathy) DeVries of Madison, Mississippi and Carla (Tony) Benesh of Oregon; three sisters: Carol Link of Ottawa; Mary Ellen Merritt of Towanda, Illinois; and Karen (Ed) Arensdorf of West Branch, Iowa; five grandsons: Bryan (Erica) DeVries; Brett (Jennifer) DeVries; Blake Benesh; David (Kimberly) Luepkes; and Austin (Anna) Luepkes; eight great-grandchildren: Caroline, Harper, Carson, Hudson, Graham, Ember, Emerson and Autumn; and several nieces and nephews. She was also extremely close to her cousin, Charlotte Westcott.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 27 at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, 110 S. 7th St., Oregon, with the Rev. Michael Hoffman, pastor of the Oregon Church of God officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday at the funeral home from 4-6 p.m.

Burial will follow the funeral service at the Byron Cemetery. A memorial fund is established in Judy's name for the Serenity Hospice and Home Monarch Butterfly Release. Visit [www.farrellhollandgale.com](http://www.farrellhollandgale.com) to leave a condolence or memory of Judy.

## Rochelle Police Department

### Officers make two arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On March 22 at 3:18 p.m. Todd Christopher Gorski, 60, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On March 19 at 8:27 p.m. Joseph Franklin,

33, of Rochelle was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, no insurance and suspended registration. He was released on an I-Bond with an April 28 Rochelle court date.

On March 23 at 10:45 p.m. Kelly McGrath, 22, of Rochelle was arrested on three counts of domestic battery and transferred.

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### Susan F. Young

**ASHTON** — Susan F. Young, 69, of Ashton, passed away Thursday, March 23 at the Rochelle Community Hospital. She was born Feb. 5, 1954, in Rochelle, the daughter of Robert E. and Frances (Naylor) Young.

Susan grew up in Ashton and graduated from Ashton High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University. She held various interesting jobs throughout her career.

Susan was once featured in the Who's Who of American Women. She loved animals and kept cattle, horses and dogs on her farm. She loved to travel and enjoyed visiting numerous countries throughout her life. She was a devoted daughter and sister who loved her family.

Susan is survived by her sister, Sally Young; her two beloved dogs, Iris and Ziggy; and numerous special friends.

Susan is preceded in

death by her parents, Robert and Frances Young; and a brother, Clyde Robert Young.

Cremation care was provided by Unger-Horner Funeral Home, Rochelle. A graveside service will be held in Washington Grove Cemetery at a later date. Contributions in Susan's memory may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

### Narcotics Task Force makes arrest Friday

**OREGON** — On March 22 at approximately 7:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of West Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, deputies arrested Angela Oester, 47, of Sterling, for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving while license

revoked, driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license revoked. Oester was issued additional citations for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Oester was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held pending a court appearance before a judge.

On March 22 at approximately 3:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,400 block of North White Rock Road. After an investigation, deputies placed Kent Hull, 61, of Kings under arrest 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 March 23 at 10:37 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Chevy Malibu at Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road for a registration violation. After a short

investigation, deputies arrested Mark Rocco, 54, of DeKalb, for driving while his license was suspended. Rocco was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

On March 24 at about 1:22 a.m. members of the Ogle County Narcotics Task Force located and arrested Nicholas Marshall, 35, of Polo, in the area of Botanic Avenue and West Center Street in Mt. Morris. Marshall was wanted on an arrest warrant for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver out of Ogle County with a bond of \$500,000 or 10 percent. The Ogle County Narcotics Task Force was assisted by numerous Crime Stopper tips and The Mt. Morris Police Department. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail and was scheduled to appear in court on March 24 at 1 p.m.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY: Board approves bid for Leaf River Road bridge project

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### Pavement

For the work, the board appropriated \$539,000 from the federal aid matching fund, \$500,000 from the county aid to bridge fund and \$591,000 from the county’s REBUILD Illinois fund for a total of \$1.63 million for the county’s portion of the project.

The board also unanimously approved a bid from Martin & Company Excavating for \$356,061.58 for its Eagle Point Road overflow culvert project, which will construct an additional box culvert adjacent to an existing structure on Eagle Point Road just east of Brookville Road.

For the work, the board appropriated \$360,000 from the county aid to bridge fund.

The board unanimously approved a bid from Countryman, Inc. for \$55,593 for annual application of pavement markings on county highways. For the work, the board appropriated \$56,000 from its motor fuel tax fund.

Each of the bids approved Tuesday was the low bid.

### Trees

Board Member Susie Corbitt said that the county’s oak tree planting project is progressing and Morton Arboretum will be making a presentation at 4 p.m. before next month’s county board meeting on April 18.

“We will have an open meeting,” Corbitt said. “We encourage the public to come and hear the presentation on the importance of planting native trees.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The county board approved a bid from Martin & Company Excavating for \$1.629 million for a project that will replace the existing bridge on Leaf River Road over Leaf River with a longer bridge with a larger opening.

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**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)

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**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.

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**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](http://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)

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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.

**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](http://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: [stpatricksrochelle.com](http://stpatricksrochelle.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.



# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## The spiritual practice of Lenten fasting

HAVING married a Catholic and now being the only Protestant in a household of six, I've learned a few things in the past 20 years.

One of those things I've learned is how to bake really good macaroni and cheese during Lent. Like many families we don't eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the following Fridays leading up to Easter.

A couple of decades ago, I thought these fasts were silly and overly legalistic.

In fact, early in our marriage, I had no problem eating a steak while my wife and kids munched on pasta. To her credit, my wife never said anything to me about it.

My kids, on the other hand, eyed me with envy

bordering on irritation.

But as I've aged and learned more, I've changed my view. It's a beautiful tradition that can be honoring to God if done not out of obligation but a desire to commemorate.

The problem is so many people don't fully understand the spiritual practice of fasting. Growing up Protestant, I never once heard a pastor extol the virtues of even a partial fast.

According to abstinence rules within the Catholic Church, meat includes flesh from warm-blooded animals and birds. Fish and other seafood are OK to eat on Lenten Fridays.

There are exceptions. In the New Orleans Diocese, it's permissible to eat alligator and in Detroit muskrat can be a Lenten

Friday entrée. I'm not particularly keen on trying either exception.

Before Vatican II, Catholics abstained from meat on almost all Fridays throughout the year.

Even though I grew up post-Vatican II, my best friend's family continued the year-round practice.

When I ate at the Reeds on Fridays, on good days it was cheese pizza and on bad ones, pea soup.

Being a rather inquisitive child, I asked my friend's dad, just why they didn't eat most types of meat on Fridays. He gave me a rather long explanation about a pope centuries ago wanting to help fishermen out.

Since my dad was a hog farmer, my 10-year-old self worried that the pope had it in for folks like us. But, no, that isn't the case.

While it is an interesting, oft-repeated fable within the church, it also happens to be nonsense.

Another explanation I've been told by some folks of a more progressive bent is that chickens, hogs and cattle eat grain, so if Catholics abstain from eating their flesh more food will be available for hungry people.

It's a nice thought. But it also doesn't hold up to scrutiny. Modern aquaculture feeds soy, corn and rice to farm-raised fish. And some cattle, goats

and sheep eat only grass.

Since I'm no theologian, I asked Springfield Bishop Thomas Paprocki to explain the practice.

"We don't have this visible presence right in front of us where we can actually see and talk to Jesus the way his disciples did," he said. "So, there is that longing in our hearts to be with Christ, to be present with him. And fasting in a way is analogous to that. When we're fasting, we get hungry. Hunger is a longing for food. ... We long to be with Christ. We look forward to the day when we'll be with Christ in his kingdom. But for the time being, we have to grow in the sense of patiently awaiting that day."

That makes sense. And it's something I'll be thinking about as I participate

in the partial fast with my family this year.

I occasionally hear folks poo-hoo the practice. They'll say a partial fast doesn't amount to much.

This sort of disparagement of another's religious practice is perplexing. After all, why should someone care what someone else is giving up? And let's be honest, most of the folks critical of the practice are not giving up anything themselves.

In a self-centered age, it's refreshing to see others sacrificing to remember something greater than themselves.

Isn't that the meaning of Lent?

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## Consider This: Election time

IT'S that time of year, again. Time to read up on the candidates that are running for local offices.

Candidates for offices such as mayor, village president, councilperson, superintendent, commissioner and trustee. This is the most important type of election you can vote in because the people elected to these offices affect you directly in your everyday activities. The decisions these people make will, at times, take place within short periods of time.

Yet most of these elections have very low turnout. Many times, it depends on the office candidates are running for. Mayors and village presidents may draw in a

large voter count. Some candidates may draw in voters. Issues may also be on the ballot and draw a large count.

These local consolidated elections usually do not draw in young people the same that the state and federal elections do. This is why I was happy to see a young voter recently give their opinion on a local person running for the Rochelle Township High School Board. The article was very well written, and opinion very clearly stated.

Yet we need to see more of both young and "youngish" people write to our paper with their opinions about candidates. We need to see all people espouse, using their written voice,

on all sorts of matters. We have that right. And though there is always someone who disagrees with every situation that arises, this must not deter our voices. Once we use a name with our voice, that voice elevates above the trivial. A comment on Facebook or another social media site will get eyes throughout the world, but what about local eyes? We are the people that really need to see and use the information inserted in those comments.

The candidates should not be left out of this scenario either. If there are candidates who don't list their views on how

the office they are running for can be changed for the better, should we even consider them in our decisions? How could we vote for anyone we don't have information on? As I've said in previous articles, it is up to us to read, review and decide.

I might have said this before and if I have, please forgive my repetition. Some of us will determine that our vote doesn't count. Maybe they think it a waste of time to vote. Maybe the candidates they vote for won't win so they'll second guess why they vote in the first place? For sure, if we don't vote, our vote will not be counted. Would

yours be the one to turn the tide? Would a group of people, who decided they must vote, turn the tide? When you put on that "I Voted" sticker, will someone see that and remember to vote or vote because you did?

And I do know that some have trouble getting time off work to vote. That's why in Illinois we have four days of early voting in hopes that this will be an additional way to ease the concerns of our citizens to find the time. This voting cycle the early voting will be March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 at the Flagg Township Office on Illinois Route 38 and at the Ogle County Courthouse. Election day is on April 4.

It's so interesting that in a country that is built

on the voice of the people, the people have such a hard time being heard. Someday, we will have a holiday for voting. That really is the only way to see great turnouts at all elections. Maybe we can even eliminate early voting by increasing the number of voting locations to better match the number of people that are signed up to vote. On a personal note, I would like to see a one-person, one-vote nation by eliminating the Electoral College.

But, until then, please vote. Let your voice be heard. And remember, no one will know how you vote. Unless you tell them of course. Not your spouse, your friends, or your family. It is your vote, not theirs.

## Letter: I support Pemberton for elementary board

DEAR community members, I proudly support Victoria "Vicki" Pemberton for the Rochelle Elementary D231 school board. I have been an educator in the district for 24 years, and I have

a child that attends the elementary district.

As an educator, I am voting for Vicki, and I encourage voters to do the same. Vicki is dedicated to the children in our schools, as she is passionate about academic excellence and

the well-being for all of our students. As a parent who has been attending board meetings for almost two years,

Vicki understands the time it takes to be a board member

and is ready to serve our community. Because of her dedication and involvement, Vicki was invited to be on a committee to create a bullying policy. She will be a voice of reason, repre-

senting students, parents and taxpayers.

Our community would greatly benefit from Vicki Pemberton on the elementary school board. She is honest, trustworthy, dedicated and reliable. A vote for Victoria "Vicki"

Pemberton is a vote for a candidate that supports public education and the success of all students in our community.

**Jackie Bingham Ramsey**  
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RTHS students Makayla Ludwig, Aiden Ramsey and Austin Salter (left to right) received Critical Thinking Awards from January through March.

## Salter, Ramsey and Ludwig earn RTHS critical thinking awards

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Through the generosity of a \$10,000 gift from the Rochelle Township High School Class of 1961 and an additional \$1,000 gift from the Rochelle Rotary Club, RTHS expanded its Renaissance Rewards to focus on students and staff members who demonstrate exemplary critical thinking skills. Each month students are nominated by staff members who have seen proof of (or growth in) the student's critical thinking skills.

A monthly \$100 cash prize is awarded to a student, 50 percent of which will be donated to the local non-profit of the student's choice. Likewise, staff members are nominated for a \$100 cash gift, 50 percent of which will be donated to

a local non-profit of the staff member's choice.

Critical thinking is an intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully analyzing and evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning or communication. The process is what guides your beliefs and ultimately your actions.

Developing critical thinking skills is paramount in today's world. We are challenged to ingest and evaluate information at every turn. Critical thinking skills are vital in accomplishing the RTHS mission: preparing students for their tomorrow.

In January 2023 senior Austin Salter was chosen for his work with the HUBSRead podcasters. Starting anything new requires someone to be the "go-to" person. In this group, Austin took on

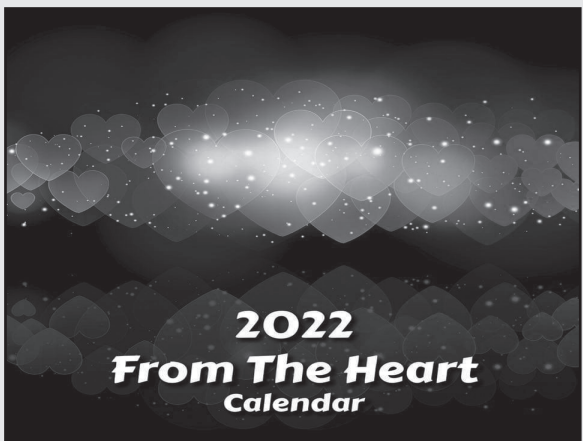
that role. Throughout this year he has been the voice of reason and has kept the group moving forward. With his strong sense of organization and sense of vision, Austin has helped to make the HUBSRead podcasting team a success while being a motivational and inspiring voice at RTHS.

In February, junior Aiden Ramsey was chosen for his work on the math and scholastic teams. Aiden possesses a wealth of knowledge and has used it to keep RTHS competitive in both fields. Aiden not only uses his knowledge to answer questions, more importantly he shares it with others. A conversation with Aiden is always welcome because you always come away from it having learned something. Aiden says he believes information needs to be shared and discussed so that we

can learn from the past and begin to make connections between the different areas of our world.

The March CT recipient is sophomore Makayla Ludwig, who was chosen for her service to others. Makayla has worked with a variety of organizations like band, Student Council and FFA to help make RTHS a better place. Whenever Makayla takes on a job, she looks for ways to make the time spent more efficient and to lead to a better, stronger outcome. Makayla believes in learning what is needed to accomplish the task and then putting in the time and energy necessary to make the job a success.

This trio has contributed to help make RTHS a place where students learn the value of critical thinking and the importance of being problem solvers.



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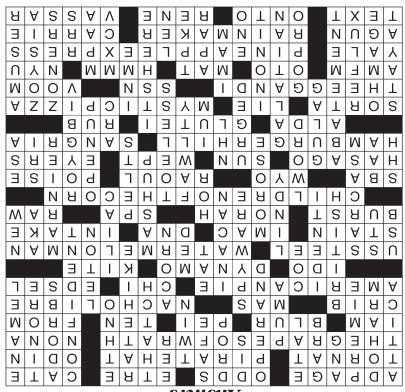
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Backlight is lower. 2. Rag is missing. 3. Arm and mop are moved. 4. Cabinet is moved. 5. Number is different. 6. Skidboard is missing.

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11 To be, in Toulouse  
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19 Ripped into  
20 Buccaneer's topper  
22 Major Norse god  
23 1940 drama based on a Steinbeck novel  
25 Tri- tripled  
26 Possible reply to "Are you?"  
27 Become indistinct  
28 Architect I.M. —  
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31 Bed for Baby  
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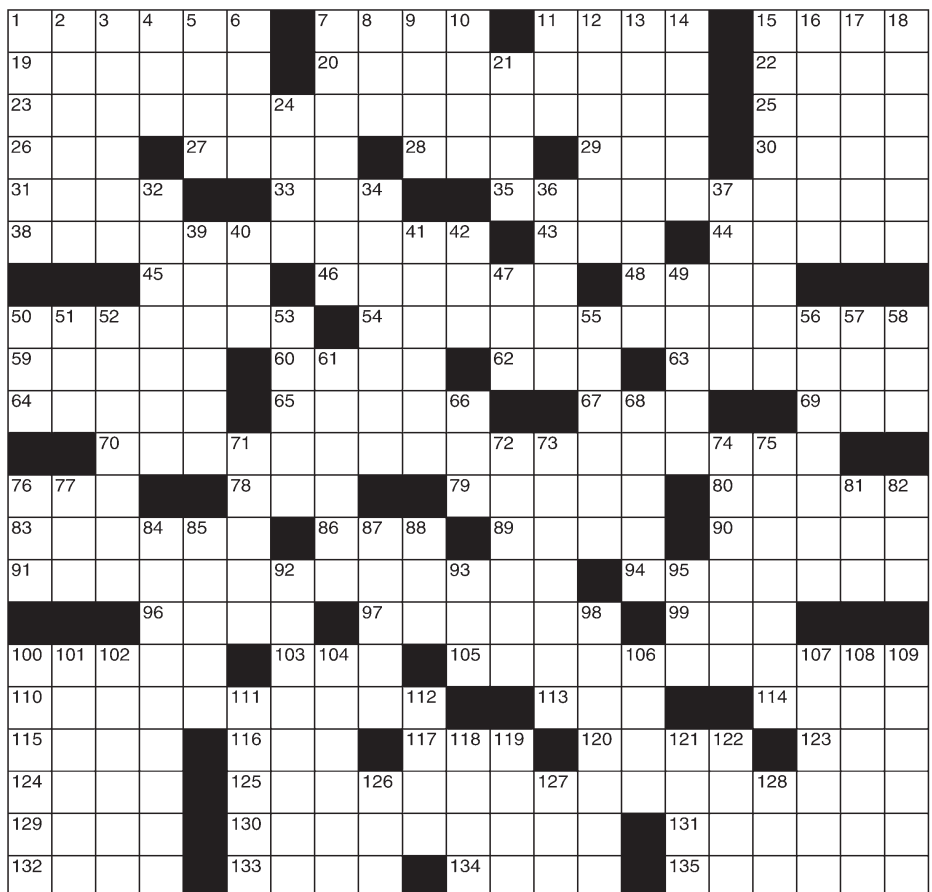
50 Andrew Carnegie's corp.  
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70 1984 horror film based on a Stephen King story  
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78 Cheyenne's state: Abbr.  
79 French painter Dufy  
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89 Bawled  
90 Observers  
91 1987 film about a Vietnam War battle  
94 Fruity wine drink  
96 Alan who played Pierce

97 Muscles worked by doing squats  
99 Give a massage to  
100 Kinda  
103 Falsehood  
105 1988 coming-of-age film co-starring Julia Roberts  
110 1947 romantic comedy co-starring Claudette Colbert  
113 1099 fig.  
114 "Va-va-va-va"  
115 Dual radio designation  
116 Siouan tribe member  
117 Gymnastics floor covering  
120 "I wonder ..."  
123 Manhattan sch.  
124 New Haven school  
125 2008 Seth Rogen comedy  
129 "Son of —!"  
130 Expert at increasing profits  
131 Fisher who played Leia  
132 Schoolbook  
133 Not fooled by  
134 Descartes of philosophy

135 New York college near Hyde Park  
DOWN  
1 Upstate New York prison  
2 Be injurious  
3 Early baby  
4 "Life of Pi" director Lee  
5 Attire  
6 List abbr.  
7 Divisor, e.g.  
8 Trash-talk  
9 Fall  
10 Not injurious  
11 Eternally, in verse  
12 Roofing straw  
13 Fed's interest increase, e.g.  
14 Botany or history lead-in  
15 Self-assured  
16 Cute, in slang  
17 Stannite, say  
18 Glossy finish  
21 Bed size  
24 Cougar  
32 Part of BBC  
34 Invasive PC programs  
36 Squirrel nosh  
37 Divulge  
39 — Kit (face reconstructor)  
40 Former miler Sebastian  
41 How soda is often sold  
42 Devour

47 Dr.'s field  
49 — artery (aorta offshoot)  
50 Kind of port for a PC  
51 Poker great  
52 Mocking irony  
53 "Lucky" pilot  
55 Eclectic fusion  
56 "Grand" liqueur brand  
57 Alias lead-in  
58 Novel  
61 Gloom-filled  
66 Opposite of vertical: Abbr.  
68 Animal skins  
71 2004-09 Showtime drama, with "The"  
72 "— Towers" (telly sitcom)  
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93 Element name ending  
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98 Declaration upon delivery of an item  
100 Occupy, as a hotel  
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102 Acid — (cause of heartburn)  
104 Part of the plan  
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# SPORTS



## FUTURE LADY KOUGAR

RTHS senior Kailey Harris will be playing soccer at Kishwaukee College next year.

See page 2 for more details

### RTHS Girls Soccer

# Rochelle outlasts Mendota

## Lady Hubs overcome second-half injuries to earn season-opening 5-3 victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Adversity mounted for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team as the purple and white looked to secure its first win of the season against the Mendota Trojans on Tuesday. Using crisp ball movement and gusty backwinds to their advantage, the Lady Hubs controlled the ball on the Mendota side of the field for most of the first half, where three different players scored goals to help Rochelle take a 3-1 lead. With fatigue setting in and the Trojans receiving the backwind during the second half, however, Mendota rallied for consecutive unanswered goals to tie the score at 3-3 as a multitude of cramps and injuries depleted Rochelle's lineup.

Needing a spark as the second half wound to a close, the suddenly short-handed Lady Hubs overcame their obstacles, scoring two unanswered goals over the final 10 minutes of regulation time to outlast the Trojans for a 5-3 victory. Senior midfielder Mavi Avila led Rochelle (1-0, 0-0 Interstate 8) with two goals, while three players

including junior forwards Sydney Thorne and Kara Martinez as well as sophomore midfielder Makayla Lara each added one goal in the win.

"It feels good to get that first win," head coach Brad Male said. "We still have some things to work on and we're putting some players in positions where they don't have much experience. We're hoping to keep progressing as the season moves forward. I thought we moved the ball well in the first half and we had much better communication there than in the second half."

The Lady Hubs wasted no time taking their first lead of the season, with Lara launching an unassisted goal into the Mendota net during the second minute. Rochelle extended its lead during the 14th minute, where a left-footed pass from Thorne inside the Trojan penalty area found Avila for the team's second goal of the match. Trailing 2-0, Mendota capitalized on a breakaway opportunity during the 16th minute, rolling a shot into the back of the Rochelle net.

Martinez answered for the Lady Hubs, taking advantage of a short goal kick by the Mendota goalkeeper and lifting a



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Sophomore Makayla Lara dribbles past a Mendota defender during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against the Trojans on Tuesday. Lara scored one goal as the Lady Hubs defeated Mendota 5-3.

right-footed shot over the head of the goalkeeper to give Rochelle a 3-1 lead in the 18th minute.

The 3-1 score held until early in the second half, where the Trojans used the backwind as well as some

miscommunication inside the Lady Hub penalty area to convert goals in the 44th and 57th minutes, evening

the score with about 20 minutes left.

See SOCCER page 3

### RTHS Baseball

# Boylan Catholic beats Rochelle in season opener

## Hubs held to three hits as Titans take nonconference game 8-1 on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCKFORD** — The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team teed off the 2023 season on Wednesday, falling 8-1 against Boylan Catholic in non-conference action. Seniors Garrett Gensler and Alex Burnette each singled and reached base twice for the Hubs (0-1, 0-0 Interstate 8), who will face Sterling and Auburn over their next two nonconference games. "It was nice to see where we're at and what we need to work on," head coach Jarrod Reynolds said. "I can't remember the last time we were able to get a game in before spring break. I'm disappointed with the loss, but I thought we had some moments where we played really well today. We only struck out three times and I thought we did a good job of putting the ball in play."

Junior Brock Metzger started on the mound for the Hubs, throwing three and two-thirds innings and recording three strikeouts. Boylan Catholic took the early lead on Wednesday, scoring on a fielding error in the top of the second inning for the first run of the

game. The Titans barreled the ball up in the top of the fourth inning, sending multiple line drives into the outfield for base hits. Boylan Catholic tallied three runs in the frame to surge ahead of the Hubs 4-0.

Only one Rochelle baserunner reached over the first five innings. Gensler notched the team's first hit of the evening, sending a hard grounder through the middle of the infield for a single in the bottom of the fifth inning. While the Hubs made better contact as the game progressed, Rochelle was unable to score its first run until the bottom of the sixth inning, where Brock Metzger reached on an infield single to second that plated freshman brother Brode Metzger.

"I thought we hit the ball better as the game went on," Reynolds said. "The top of our order really hit the ball well over the last couple of innings. It's our first game of the season, but I thought we had some good at-bats and we need to build on those so we can have more hits later on."

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(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team opened the 2023 season with a loss against Boylan Catholic on Wednesday. Senior Alex Burnette (left) singled and reached base twice in the game. Junior Brock Metzger (right) started on the mound, throwing three and two-thirds innings and adding an RBI infield single.





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# HUB SPOTLIGHT

## Harris signs with Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Senior defender Kailey Harris has played varsity soccer at Rochelle Township High School for the last three years. Throughout her time with the program, Harris has looked up to her senior teammates, looking for ways to improve her skills and leadership abilities.

Now a senior captain herself, Harris has stepped into a leadership role of her own, and she'll aim to continue improving her skills as she continues her academics and her soccer career at Kishwaukee College. Harris will reunite with current and former Lady Hub teammates including seniors Abby Tarvestad and Mavi Avila as well as RTHS alums Lizbeth Milan and Lucy Monroy.

"Kishwaukee College was my school of choice as it's close to home, offers a good education with courses that will transfer over to almost any four-year university in Illinois and provides me with the opportunity to continue playing soccer," Harris said. "I'm looking forward to learning new techniques and strategies from playing on the Kishwaukee College women's soccer team. I'm a driven and competitive player and I'm ready to share my talents with my new teammates."

Harris has started for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team since her sophomore season, spending time as both a defender and midfielder before becoming one of the team's starting center backs during her junior season, where she was named an Interstate 8 All-Conference Honorable Mention. Harris is one of multiple seniors returning from a varsity roster that posted a 10-10 overall match record and finished fourth in the Interstate 8 Conference last season.

"Playing soccer at RTHS has helped me in several areas," Harris said. "Our team has had girls with various skill levels in each year I've played and new players often look to the seniors for guidance on positioning and technique. In helping the other players, I was able to find flaws within my own techniques and correct my mistakes. I've played with a number of great teammates who've exhibited great leadership during my high school career and I'm looking forward to joining some of my past teammates at Kishwaukee College next year."

In addition to her three years of varsity soccer at RTHS, Harris has served as vice



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

**Senior Kailey Harris will continue her academics and her soccer career with Kishwaukee College next year.**

president of the National Honor Society's RTHS chapter as well as editor-in-chief of the school yearbook. Harris said she intends to earn her associate's degree in computer science at Kishwaukee College before continuing her education at a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree.

"I've noticed improvements in several areas since beginning my soccer career at RTHS," Harris said. "I've gained a better view of positioning in addition to improved confidence and composure. Increased training has also resulted in improved technique and speed of execution. The competition at the next level is definitely more intense, which is why I plan to train year round and remain focused on improving my technique so I can be a positive asset to the team."

"I'm looking forward to learning new techniques and strategies from playing on the Kishwaukee College women's soccer team. I'm a driven and competitive player and I'm ready to share my talents with my new teammates."

**Kailey Harris**

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# SPORTS

## SOCCER: Rochelle starts 2-0 with Thursday win against Sterling

**From page 1**

“Communication is a key factor for us,” Male said. “We had some miscommunication during the second half and we had some injuries. We need to make sure we’re warmed up and ready to go for these colder matches. It was nice to see our girls finish strong and I thought our teamwork picked up over the final minutes. We made sure we were communicating and making our runs.”

While Mendota’s offense applied the pressure, Rochelle saw several starters including Lara as well as sophomore midfielders Emma Kennay, Betty Flores and freshman defender Abbey Bozinovich sidelined with cramps and other injuries during the second half. Running on fumes as the game drew to a close, Rochelle regained control during the 70th minute, where senior defender Kailey Harris threaded the needle on a pass to Avila that put the team ahead 4-3.

The Lady Hubs iced the victory during the 77th minute, surging ahead 5-3 after a corner kick by Martinez knifed through the Mendota defense and landed at the foot of

Thorne, who blasted a short-range shot from deep inside the Trojan penalty area for the final goal of the evening.

**Sterling**

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team won its second consecutive match to open the 2023 season, defeating Sterling 5-1 in nonconference action. Sophomore Makayla Lara netted three goals and one assist for the Lady Hubs (2-0, 0-0 Interstate 8), while junior Sydney Thorne and sophomore Betty Flores added goals in the win. Junior Danica Ward recorded four saves for the Lady Hubs.

Sterling and Rochelle traded goals over the early minutes of the nonconference match, with Lara giving the Lady Hubs a 1-0 advantage with a goal in the third minute before the Golden Warriors fired right back with an equalizer in the fourth minute. Rochelle regained control during the 19th minute, where Lara connected with Thorne for a goal to make the score 2-1.

The Lady Hubs took a 3-1 halftime lead after senior defender Kailey Harris assisted Lara’s second goal of the evening during the 35th minute.



Sophomore Emma Kennay battles for possession of the ball during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against Mendota on Tuesday. (PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Rochelle sealed the victory with back-to-back goals over the 64th and 68th minutes to surge ahead of the Golden Warriors. The Lady Hubs outshot Sterling 23-8 and 13-5 in shots on goal. Rochelle finished with five corner kicks and forced five offside penalties on the Golden Warriors.

### RTHS Interact Club



### Rochelle Township High School holds annual Student vs. Faculty event Wednesday evening

The Rochelle Township High School Interact Club held its annual Student vs. Faculty event on Wednesday, with senior Hub and Lady Hub students taking on staff members for friendly basketball and volleyball competition. This year’s event raised money for the Rotary International Clean Water Project, which provides clean water filters for communities in need. One clean water filter can provide 60 to 70 kids with clean water for up to three years.

(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

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# SPORTS

## BASEBALL: Hubs continue nonconference play against Sterling

From page 1

"We hit several balls hard during the sixth inning and that was nice to see."

Rochelle finished with three hits in the loss. Leading 4-0, Boylan Catholic pulled away during the top of the sixth inning, scoring runs on a sacrifice fly and a balk before two more runners came home on a live-drive single into left field to make the score 8-0.

Senior Bradley Cooney and junior Dylan Whaley combined to pitch the final three and one-third innings for the Hubs. Whaley pitched one and one-third scoreless innings to close the game for Rochelle.

### Sterling

The Rochelle Hub varsity

ty baseball team continued nonconference play against Sterling on Thursday, falling 6-1 at Gartner Park to open the season with two straight losses.

Sterling took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, with Bryce Hartman hitting an RBI single before Trevor Dir drew a bases-loaded walk. The Hubs earned one run back in the bottom of the second inning, where freshman Brode Metzger singled and scored after junior brother Brock Metzger reached on an outfield error. Senior Noah Lara doubled in the bottom of the first inning.

The Golden Warriors extended their lead in the top of the third inning, tallying three runs to surge ahead 5-1. Mason Smith scored

on a passed ball before Drew Nettleton reached on a bunt single to bring home Hartman. A dropped third strike allowed Dir to cross home plate. Sterling sealed its win with one insurance run in the top of the sixth inning, where Ayden Schoon singled before stealing two bases and eventually scoring on a wild pitch by the Hubs.

Rochelle threatened in the bottom of the third inning, with senior Alex Burnette smacking a lead-off double and senior Colton O'Rourke adding a two-out single. The Hubs also had a chance to score in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Burnette and senior Bradley Cooney hit back-to-back singles before senior Garrett Gensler drew

at two-out walk. Sophomore Brandyn Metzger doubled in the bottom of the sixth inning, but consecutive groundouts left him on base.

The Hubs finished with seven hits in the loss. Rochelle struggled with command on the mound, with four players combining for nine walks. Junior Dylan Whaley turned in a solid relief effort for the Hubs, throwing two innings while striking out one and holding Sterling scoreless.

### Auburn

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team hosted Rockford Auburn for a nonconference game Friday evening. See Wednesday's News-Leader for results from the Auburn matchup.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Noah Lara readies for a swing during the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball game against Boylan Catholic on Wednesday.

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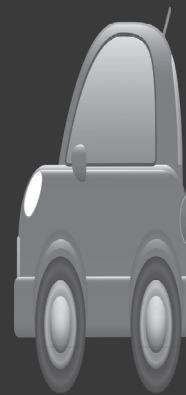
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