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Nambo leading HUB program

District received grant to fund program through 2025

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Yazmin Nambo is in her first year as director of the Rochelle Elementary School District's HUB Program.

The program is specifically targeted to support the district's K-8 at-risk youth using a before and after-school model plus summer school. The program has been fully-funded by a state grant for the past 10 years, and the district recently received word that it has received the grant again to fund it for the remainder of this school year and the next two years.

Nambo said she and other members of district administration were anxious to hear about the grant, and that so far this year the program has operated with smaller numbers and a limited, first semester-only budget due to previous uncertainty. Now, expansion will come due to the grant money.

"It was really exciting getting the news that we'll be receiving the grant again," Nambo said. "It was just exciting to be able to share that. When I told



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Yazmin Nambo is in her first year as director of the Rochelle Elementary School District's HUB Program.

the staff, it was so nice to see the teachers' faces light up. I'd run into them in the hallways and they'd say, 'I'm so excited I get to keep teaching and doing things with the students.' It was very rewarding to hear. Because we have a lot of families, kids, teachers and staff members that really enjoy it and benefit from it. I think it affects the whole community, not just our schools."

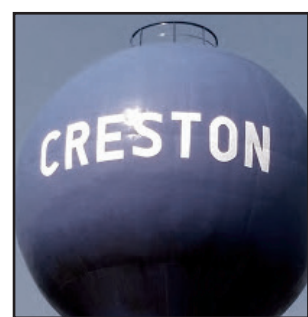
Nambo said the HUB Program has been going "really well" so far this year. Elementary students have been taking part in activities such as making piñatas and learning state capitals. Middle schoolers in the HUB Program are learning about hydroponics.

Nambo was previously a special education teacher in the district and had a desire to get into adminis-

tration and recently earned her master's degree. She accepted the position over the summer after former HUB Program Director Amy Hayden became the principal at Lincoln School. Nambo was previously a HUB Program teacher, which has helped her as director.

"I've really enjoyed it so far," Nambo said.

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Village board approves farm lease

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

CRESTON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Creston Village Board unanimously approved a lease agreement with Erik Petry to farm the village's land for the next year in the final year of his contract.

Petry will pay \$350 per acre for use of the village's 144.6 acres for next year. He previously paid \$310. The village plans to go out to bid for who will farm the land after 2023, Village President Tom Byro said.

"I think \$350 is a really good deal," Byro said. "I've talked to some people around and there's higher and lower numbers. I think we came to a good agreement."

Several agenda items were discussed Tuesday.

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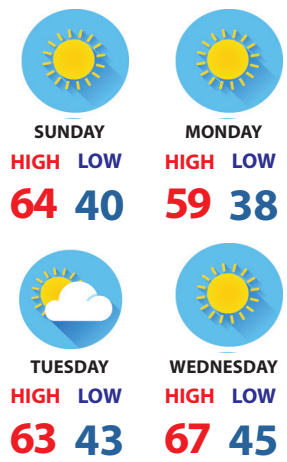
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Rochelle DAR meets Oct. 22

The Rochelle DAR held its most recent meeting on Oct. 22 and discussed Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Page 7**

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LOCAL NEWS



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Holcomb man places second in Illinois Corn Husking Contest

Adams has honors from competing statewide and nationally

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HOLCOMB — On Oct. 15, Dewayne Adams of Holcomb placed second in the Illinois Corn Husking Contest in the senior men division in Good Hope, Illinois and finished fifth in the national competition the day after.

The competitions involve picking corn by hand, the way it was done before advancements in the agriculture industry. Competitors use a corn husking hook and pick as much corn

as they can in 10 minutes and flip the cleaned husks into a wagon.

“In the competition, they have different age and gender divisions,” Adams said. “You have a cleaner that comes behind you and gets the ears that you missed and then after you get your pick, you scoop your wagon off and they weigh it and take a five-gallon bucket and take all the husk off the ears. You’re allowed two percent husk. If you get over two percent husk, they weigh that husk and you’re deducted for it.”

In Smithshire, Illinois in 2019, Adams finished second in the men’s 75 and up division at the 38th Annual Illinois State Cornhusking Contest. In 2018, he finished fourth in the men’s 75 and up division of the National Hand Cornhusking Contest. In 2017, he finished third in the men’s 75 and up division of the National Cornhusking Contest in Marshall, Missouri.

“The national competition is a big thing because there’s eight states involved,” Adams said.

“That’s how this year was. There were 16 pickers and I didn’t get a trophy this year, I got fifth. But I feel pretty proud about getting fifth out of eight states.”

Adams farmed for 18 years before working as a crop adjuster for another 18 years. He’s now retired. He got into hand corn husking competitions through a friend that took part in them.

“We were down at Rantoul’s big farm show,” Adams said.

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County electronics recycling event and food drive Nov. 18



OREGON — The final residential electronics recycling event of the year will take place on Friday Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

This event is for Ogle County residents only and a free permit is required in advance of the event. Permits may be obtained by calling 815-732-4020 or via email at solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov. Please provide your name, address, and phone number in your email. Permits are limited to one per household per month. Permits come with a full list of accepted items and other event information and instructions. Limit seven large or bulky items per permit.

Items accepted at the electronic recycling event include all residential computers, computer hardware and cables, printers, FAX machines, copiers, scanners, DVD/VCR's, cable and satellite receivers, cell phones, tablets, laptops, video gaming equipment, all televisions and computer monitors, radios, digital clocks, stereo equipment (no wooden speakers), shredders (no tubs), land-line phone systems, car radios, GPS units, fish finders, calculators, add-

ing machines, iPods, MP3 players, back-up power supply units, rechargeable batteries, holiday lights and extension cords, CFL bulbs and printer ink cartridges. Microwave ovens are accepted for \$5 per unit.

There will be a food drive conducted in association with the electronics recycling event. All items collected will be distributed to local food pantries in Ogle County. Items accepted include all canned and boxed in-date food items as well as home cleaning supplies and items such as toothpaste, soap, and other basic essentials. Be sure all items are sealed and not expired.

If you have additional questions about this residential electronics recycling event, the food drive, or other questions about recycling call the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department at 815-732-4020, visit www.oglecounty.org, or go to Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School fire science students include Dakota Bushland, Samantha Thorne and Tom Tourdot.

KEC fire science students take part in field day

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

STEWART — For the first time this academic year, the Kishwaukee Education Consortium (KEC) fire science students closed their books, suited up and headed into the field for some hands-on learning in Stewart.

Village resident Tom Brown generously offered the fire science program a single-story home slated for demolition as a site to conduct a series of unique training scenarios.

The exercise enabled these career track students to complete numerous job-performance requirements for future certification as basic operations firefighters.

The day began with coordinated fire attack drills requiring the students to use engine and truck companies to locate and extinguish a simulated fire, conduct search and rescue and ventilate the smoke from the structure. During the course of the exercise, they were challenged with zero-visibility conditions inside the structure thanks

to artificial smoke from a smoke machine.

The next step was to deploy extension and roof ladders and create vertical ventilation by chopping holes in the roof.

Finally, students learned and practiced the VEIS technique (vent, enter, isolate, search), a high-risk, high-reward tactic used to locate and rescue victims from burning buildings. The students broke and cleared windows for ventilation and search, learning the important principles of legacy lightweight wood construction.

Veteran firefighters and instructor Rory Blanchard agreed that these firefighters in training did a great job reacting to challenges and have made huge strides in honing their craft both in the classroom and in the field.

Very special thanks go to Tom Brown, the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, Rochelle Fire Department, Mrs. Knetsch and KEC for providing the site and resources required for such a unique training opportunity.

LOCAL NEWS

NAMBO: New director discusses benefits of HUB Program

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“Everybody has been really welcoming. It’s a learning experience for me this year. I’ve been able to make really good relationships with all the staff members. Teaching at HUB in the past has made it a lot easier. One of the hardest things has been dealing with the funding uncertainty and budgeting and staying within the budget we had allotted. But now that we know we’ll have the money, I want to focus on bringing experiences. We have a lot of supplies already so we’re spending less on that and bringing in more experiences for the kids.”

Those experiences could include bringing Rockford’s Discovery Center Museum and Atwood Center and more to the HUB Program for activities for students. Nambo also hopes to bring in positive role models for HUB students, and she mentioned Rochelle Township High School students helping to fill that need. Brainstorming is ongoing to raise numbers for the middle school’s HUB Program.

“We seem to lose our students at that level, which makes sense,” Nambo said. “A lot of them are more indepen-

dent and want to do other things. We’re trying to come up with more activities and things that will hopefully draw them in and get them to stick around. We’re talking to the high school to see how we can engage with some of their clubs and bring it to the middle school level and see how we can keep our students engaged at that level.”

Nambo believes the HUB Program makes a “big difference” for students, families and the community as a whole. She’s enjoyed seeing students she taught in the program come back to volunteer at it, and some have even entered the education field.

The HUB Program helps some families that can’t afford after-school daycare. HUB staff can help students that are struggling with a particular academic subject. The new tutoring program at RMS that utilizes Northern Illinois University College of Education students has been able to offer transportation for students that participate through the HUB Program.

“I think overall, it just provides a lot of support,” Nambo said. “Not just for our students, but the families. We’re trying to do as much as we can for them. One of the things we’re



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The program is specifically targeted to support the district’s K-8 at-risk youth using a before and after-school model plus summer school. The program has been fully-funded by a state grant for the past 10 years, and the district recently received word that it has received the grant again to fund it for the remainder of this school year and the next two years.

starting is the FFA and our HUB students planting crops at the greenhouse. They’ll harvest them and we’ll send the food home with students with a recipe so we can provide a meal for families.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic when schools were doing remote learning, the HUB Program was still offered to students via Zoom. Nambo said during that time, HUB just “wasn’t the same”

and saw “not many kids” participating. It became an opportunity where HUB teachers could be available to give extra help to students that needed it.

Nambo called the remote time of the HUB Program “really hard,” but said the program being able to return to its full form has been “impactful.”

“Students were excited to come back to HUB and be able to participate in

those activities,” Nambo said. “I think it made everyone value our after-school program a little more. Because we are able to do things that we typically can’t do during the school day. And we’re able to provide that extra support for our students who are struggling because of the impact COVID-19 had on education. I think it’s definitely made us value the HUB Program a lot more.”

After the recent receipt of the grant, Nambo said those involved with the HUB Program are “very excited” to be a part of it going forward.

“We’re really just working on getting volunteers and community involvement,” Nambo said. “If the community ever wants to be a part of the HUB Program, they can always reach out and come in and get involved with us.”

ADAMS: Holcomb man reflects on experience at state corn husking event

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“He was picking there. As a demonstration, people wanted to see how to do it and I showed them. My friend asked if I’d come to the Illinois competition. I’ve done it every year

since.”

Adams said he enjoys the hobby. While he said he doesn’t practice as much as he should, he believes he does OK for this age. He enjoys meeting people from around the state and other states at contests and

traveling to them.

“They’re well-run competitions,” Adams said. “The guys that finish in first place are tough competition. They’ve been picking for 20 years or in some cases since they were a kid. It’s like everything

else, the more you do it, the better you get at it.”

In the men’s 75 and up class, Adams said Illinois has smaller numbers. During nationals, the top two competitors from each of the eight states compete, making a field of 16. This

year, Adams’ grandson came to the competition with him and took pictures.

“If my health stays with me, it’s something I’d like to keep doing,” Adams said. “I feel like I could’ve done better in nationals this year, but I had COVID-19

a couple years ago and I think I lost a third of my strength. I get tired. At the state competition after eight minutes I was ready to quit. And my grandson said, ‘Grandpa, keep going. You’ve only got two minutes left. Keep going.’”



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Dewayne Adams farmed for 18 years before working as a crop adjuster for another 18 years. He got into hand corn husking competitions through a friend that took part in them.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Ruth Grover

ROCHELLE — Ruth Grover, 99, of Rochelle formerly of Malta, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30 at Liberty Village of Rochelle.

She was born Dec. 20, 1922, in Hines, Minnesota, the daughter of Carl and Marquerite (Johnston) Nordeen. Ruth married William Grover on Aug. 11, 1950, at the First Lutheran Church in DeKalb.

Ruth taught school in Minnesota for three years until she moved to DeKalb in 1945. She worked at the DeKalb Agricultural Association from 1946-1950. She was employed doing administrative duties at Essex Company and DeKalb Forge and also worked as a clerk at the Malta Post Office. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in rural Lee for 71 years where she sang in the choir

and participated in Ruth Circle and CLCW. She was a member of WCTU and the Gideons Auxiliary.

She began playing piano as a young girl. She taught piano lessons to many neighborhood children and continued playing as the church pianist at Liberty Village into her 99th year of life.

She was a member of the DeKalb Choristers where she met her husband Bill.

She is survived by her children, Lois (David) Miles {New Tripoli, Pennsylvania}, Nancy (Tom) Hill {Creston} and Betty (Jeffrey) Ahlgren {San Diego, California}; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; 24 great grandchildren; brother, Kermit (Jo Ann) Nordeen; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Nordeen and Joanne



Nordeen.

The funeral service will be held at noon Friday, Nov. 11 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 19 Perry Road, Lee, with Pastor Martha Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery in Steward.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of services at noon Friday, Nov. 11 at Calvary Lutheran Church.

For information, visit www.AndersonFuneralHomeLtd.com or call 815-756-1022.

Beatrice ‘Peggy’ L. Phipps

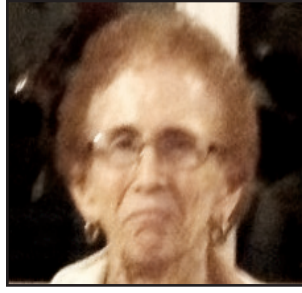
ROCHELLE — Beatrice “Peggy” L. Phipps, 94, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1 at OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Peggy was born on Dec. 10, 1927 in Rochelle to Dave and Althea (Coombes) Meisener. Since both parents died in 1930, Peggy and her sisters, Maurine and Vivian, lived with their oldest sister, Etta Mae. She attended Rochelle schools, graduating from Rochelle Township High School in 1945. From 1945 to June 1949, she was the receptionist for local dentists: L.W. Masters, C.E. Motlong and J.S. Wilson.

On March 31, 1949, Peggy married Richard S. Phipps of Steward in Rochelle’s Old Brick Methodist Church. She was wife, mother and homemaker until July 1967 when she re-entered the work force as an employee of Rochelle Printing, retiring in May

2006. She was a member of the Rochelle Methodist Church since her confirmation in 1939, a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1951 and a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post #3878.

Peggy is survived by her four daughters: Marcia Forlenza of Zion, Illinois; Pamela (Gayle) Phipps of Loves Park, Paula Phipps of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Ellen Phipps Brown of Lexington, Kentucky; two sons: Jerry (Janet) Phipps of Gainesville, Florida and Jim Phipps of Rochelle; sister, Maurine Busdosh of Phoenix, Arizona; three grandchildren: Jennifer Forlena, Dr. Alex (Grace) Phipps, and Aimee (PJ) Joanos; three great grandsons; two great granddaughters and two great great granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband,



Richard; sons-in-law, Chris Brown and Dan Forlenza; six sisters and her brother killed in World War II.

A memorial visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Katherine Paisley officiating at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Peggy’s memory to the Benevolent Fund of the Rochelle United Methodist Church. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Linda K. Jarvis

ASHTON — Linda K. Jarvis, 80, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Linda was born on April 13, 1942 in Dixon to Harold and Evelyn (Herwig) Gleim. On Jan. 17, 1959, she married James W. Jarvis in Ashton. Linda enjoyed golfing, bowling and adored the time she spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Linda is survived by her husband of 63 years, James Jarvis of Ashton; son, Doug (Kelly) Jarvis of Ashton; four grandchildren: Derek (Jaime) Jarvis, Danielle (Nick) Melino, Sean Jarvis and Benjamin Jarvis and eight great grandchildren and her aunt, Maralan Gleim of Sterling.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey J. Jarvis; granddaughter, Carly Jarvis; great grandson, Maddox Jarvis and sister,



Betty Kennay.

The visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at Ashton United Methodist Church, 906 Richardson Ave., Ashton with Pastor Jan Shaulis officiating. The burial will follow the service at Ashton Cemetery in Ashton. Memorials may be made in Linda’s memory to Serenity Hospice and Home or the Ashton Fire Department. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.



Nearly 60 students recognized at RTHS fall renaissance breakfast

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — Nearly 60 Rochelle Township High School students were recognized at Friday morning’s fall renaissance breakfast.

Math Teacher Charity Prose nominated Noah

LeFerve, writing, “Noah is an incredible student. It is pure joy to have him in class! His work ethic is amazing and his ability to see mathematical connections is remarkable; however, his genuine care for his peers and desire to see them do their best is noticeable and outstanding! You are a true leader! Thank you Noah for being YOU!”

In nominating Daniel Abel-Pryor, Football Coach Kyle Kissack wrote, “Daniel’s commitment and work ethic are impressive to say the least. He is thoughtful, he communicates effectively and he has risen in leadership roles within the academic day as well as extracurriculars. I consider Daniel to be a valuable member of the Rochelle Football staff as a student manager, and I am thankful for his reliability and

the way he relentlessly fulfills his role.”

Principal Dr. Chris Lewis and Math Teacher John Pfaff both thought of senior Ryan Hansen when called upon to nominate students for the fall renaissance breakfast.

Dr. Lewis wrote, “Ryan has completely turned his focus at RTHS around since his early years. Once Ryan decided to enter the military, his purpose for school changed. Ryan struggled in hybrid learning (during COVID-19) and got behind, but now Ryan is on track and has all As and Bs. I am very proud of how far Ryan has come. It is a pleasure to see him each time we pass in the halls. Congrats Ryan.”

Mr. Pfaff wrote, “Ryan has shown tremendous growth since I last had him as a student freshman year,” Pfaff said. “He

answers questions during class, turns his homework in ahead of time and is just a great overall student/person to have in class.”

The renaissance program uses the powerful motivators of recognition and reward to give students a real stake in their own academic success. Renaissance is powered by three central themes: the principles of performance, promotion and partnerships. Each principle contributes critical life and energy to the whole.

The renaissance program has set academic and behavior standards and monitors student achievement toward them. Students who improve get recognized and rewarded, like this morning’s breakfast to which nominees & families are invited.

Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will host a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, on campus in the student

center. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided for all guests during and after the ceremony.

Highlights of the event include a welcome by Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College; the national anthem, performed by Kish student Ethan Rutten; recognition of military members and a moment of silence; a reading of the winning entry in Kishwaukee College’s Veterans Day Essay Contest; a musical performance by the DeKalb High School Varsity Treble Choir

and remarks shared by local veteran Michael Embrey followed by Embrey’s performance of Taps.

Guests should enter through door six, the student center entrance. The event will be recorded and livestreamed on Kish’s social media platforms.

The Veterans Day ceremony is sponsored by the Kishwaukee College Veterans Advocacy Committee.

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LOCAL NEWS

CRESTON: Village board discusses 2023 fiscal year tax levy

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Levy

Village Treasurer Penny Payton said Creston's total tax levy will increase \$1,049 for fiscal year 2023, totaling a \$1.68 increase per resident, and the village will receive a grand total of \$22,075. The levy will be up for approval at next month's meeting. The money is earmarked to help pay for the new maintenance and snow plow truck the village recently purchased. Last month, the board unanimously purchased a 2022 Ford F-250 for a maximum cost of \$70,000 along with a purchase of a snow plow and lights not to exceed \$13,000. The truck has already been re-

ceived and it is planned to have the snow plow added and get fully outfitted on Nov. 14.

Garbage

Byro said the village has been encountering issues with residents moving out of the village and leaving garbage and large items at the curb expecting them to be picked up by garbage trucks.

"That is not their job," Byro said. "Their job is to pick up one large item besides the can. We're trying to figure out some way to get to these people and tell them they can't unload the whole house in their yard."

Village Clerk Jennifer Payton said Northern Illinois Disposal's website

has a feature where they can be notified of large items that need to be picked up.

"I think if we can get them notified that there's stuff to be picked up, they'll pick it up," Payton said. "But they need to know if there's going to be a bunch of stuff there. We don't want the stuff sitting out there for two weeks."

Payton said she plans to put a letter together for residents to remind them of village garbage policy. Residents that place more than the allowed amount at the curb and have it picked up will be charged for it. The letter will also remind residents that yard waste pickup occurs the same week as recycling pickup does. Yard waste pickup

ends Nov. 25 weather permitting.

Properties

Trustee Mike Kerns said during the meeting that he's had discussions recently with residents about abandoned properties and homes in the village with yards in disrepair and ordinance violations occurring with vehicles and garbage on lawns.

"We have to do something about that," Kerns said. "I know we've been trying, but it seems like we've been trying for years."

Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim and Village Attorney Russell Crull said they would work on the new com-

plaints and add them to a list of abandoned properties they've been working on getting cleaned up through complaints and litigation.

Manheim said he's been working on reports for six different properties with issues in the village over the past month. Four involve house demolitions.

"We're working on them," Manheim said. "It's just taking time. We'll try to get as many cleaned up as we can."

Stop sign

Trustee Mark Hibshman told the board about a two-vehicle accident that occurred over the weekend on North Main Street and inquired about

the idea of adding a stop sign at its intersection with Cederholm Street.

"It's just something to think about," Hibshman said. "That's a pretty long stretch between Illinois Route 38 and the train tracks."

Byro said the village will look into the idea of adding a stop sign and Village Engineer Kevin Bunge said a stop sign would require meeting warrant requirements to add.

"I'm wondering what's going to happen when the new library goes in on that corner," Byro said. "It might be a good time to get it in there. There will be people walking across the street going to the library."

Rochelle Area CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Reflecting on the life of Jerry Lee Lewis

GREAT balls of fire, Jerry Lee Lewis is dead! But his legacy lives on. What legacy, you might ask? Well, the legacy of marriage.

Lewis had two famous cousins, televangelist Jimmy Swaggert and Myra Gale Brown.

But it was his relationship with Brown that captured the headlines.

Lewis made her famous in 1957 after marrying her when she was just 13. The scandal destroyed his promising rock and roll career. But he later rebounded with a series of successful country tunes.

Apparently, country fans aren't as hung-up about family trees that don't fork.

But the state of Illinois does have such a hang-up.

In fact, cousins can't marry in Illinois unless at least one person in the union is sterilized or they are both past the age of

50. That law is based on a cultural taboo and faulty science.

And it makes no sense. None.

Once upon a time, there was a worry that the offspring of two cousins were at a higher risk for birth defects. But recent medical studies indicate it poses little risk. In fact, cousin marriage is common in much of the Middle East and Asia.

The prohibition against cousins marrying is deeply rooted in American racism, Martin Ottenheimer, a retired anthropology professor at Kansas State University, told me recently.

"White settlers came to this country and encountered Indians, who often married their cousins. By attacking cousin marriage, they were depicting their enemies as savages."

He also said during an interview with me eight years ago, "People think that cousins marrying is an

animal-like, savage thing to do and that their children will be stupid. They think it will lead to the downfall of civilization. It's all based on faulty genetics from the 19th Century. Americans shouldn't object to gay cousins marrying because genetics isn't even an issue."

Gay cousins? Yes, even though the Illinois' law is supposedly rooted in genetic concerns, even two biologically male cousins or two biologically female cousins cannot marry — unless they are older than 50 or one of them is sterile.

"The United States is the only Western country that restricts cousins from marrying," Ottenheimer noted.

He said he became interested in cousin marriage when he was doing anthropological research

on remote islands in the Indian Ocean with his wife.

"We lived with the people and it was a culture where cousins frequently married. But their children were absolutely beautiful. So, we started asking why our own society disapproved of cousins marrying."

Cousin marriage is prohibited in 23 states and remains something that carries a stigma in all 50. Former state Rep. Greg Harris drafted the original same-sex civil unions legislation, which was the basis for the law allowing

same-sex marriage. He told me in 2014, he drafted the bill to reflect all the benefits and restrictions of a traditional marriage.

Harris said the cousin provision was discussed when the bill was drafted and deliberately left in because he did not want

those people engaging in same-sex unions to have more rights than heterosexual couples who marry.

"We wanted this issue to be about civil unions, not whether cousins should marry," he said.

Harris, who was one of the first openly gay members of the General Assembly and eventually rose to be House majority leader, has long prided himself as a champion of marriage equality.

But do we really have marriage equality if cousins can marry in some states but not others?

Some famous cousin marriages include: Naturalist Charles Darwin and his first cousin, Emma Wedgwood. Physicist Albert Einstein and Elsa Lowenthal, his first cousin on his mother's side and his second cousin on his father's side. Bank robber Jessie James and his first cousin, Zerelda Mims. Author H.G. Wells and his

first cousin, Isabel Mary Wells. Rocket scientist Werner Von Braun and his first cousin, Maria Von Quirstorp.

Some folks believe there is a biblical prohibition to cousins marrying. While the Hebrew Bible, or Christian Old Testament, prohibits many types of relatives from marrying, cousins are not on the list.

In fact, the Biblical character Jacob married the sisters Leah and Rachel. They were not only sisters but also his first cousins.

Am I advocating that cousins marry? Not particularly. But I certainly don't see a compelling state interest in Illinois preventing such couplings.

Who knows, someday instead of heading to the bars, lovelorn singles may head to family reunions.

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Veterans Day 2022

WORLD War II veterans were treated as heroes when returning to the United States. However, those veterans returning home from Vietnam and other assignments around the world at that time were treated differently. They were called baby killers, psychos, drug addicts and war mongers by those protesting the war. Early on, the two veterans' organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, refused to accept Vietnam veterans as members, citing that Vietnam was a police action and not a war.

A famous movie star was in North Korea supporting the enemy while the Vietnam War was ongoing. Finally, on Jan. 11, 1977, President Jimmy Carter granted an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded the draft (draft dodgers) during the Vietnam War and fled to another country. How do you think that made the Vietnam era vets, who showed up and did their duty, feel? Now fast forward to the late 1990s when I heard someone say "Thank you for your

service." I spun around, incredulously, to see a friend who knew that I had served. I was totally shocked, having been shunned by society for years regarding military service.

It has become apparent that societal attitudes have been changing in recent years in a positive sense with respect to veterans. Nowadays, it is common to receive a, "Thank you for your service" from people you don't know, which is a wonderful feeling. Businesses are offering discounts to veterans in appreciation of their service. The Department of Defense has established the Vietnam War Commemoration, administered through local organizations such as the DAR, to honor Vietnam-era veterans who served in the US Armed Forces between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.

The budget for the Veterans Administration, a federal agency providing various services to veterans, has increased significantly in the last 20 years. This is

a wonderful development and veterans really appreciate it. Now society considers the military as an instrument of the current policy. Most people understand that any disagreements with the policy should be taken up with those who develop the policy and not be critical of the military.

In honor of Veterans Day, the following are some of the activities planned in Rochelle: Roberts Armory WWII Museum open Sunday, Nov. 6 from 1-4 p.m.; veterans' breakfast will be held at Rochelle Township High School on Nov. 11 starting at 8 a.m.; Veterans Day service at St. Paul Lutheran School after the 8:45 a.m. service; Veterans Day ceremony at the Rochelle Veterans War Memorial at Lawnridge Cemetery on November 11 at 11 a.m. with the mayor, VFW & American Legion providing speakers; and a Veterans Day commemoration at the First Presbyterian Church at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 13.

To all veterans, "Thank you for your service."



Chuck Roberts

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COMMUNITY



Rochelle Chapter DAR hosts October meeting

The Rochelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution observed Domestic Violence Awareness month with a presentation by Allison Huntley of the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office. Huntley (shown front row, center with chapter members in the above photo) is responsible for handling domestic violence prosecutions in the office. Her talk also included information on the Strangulation Task Force, of which she is a member. At their next meeting on Nov. 12, the Rochelle Chapter will host Carol Chandler who will be speaking on "Prisoners of War in Illinois." DAR encourages membership interest by any women aged 18 years or older, who can demonstrate direct lineage to an individual who supported the American cause during the Revolutionary War. Enthusiastic assistance is available to determine eligibility. More information about the Rochelle Chapter, including contact information, can be found at the chapter's website: <https://ildar.org/chapters/rochelle/>.

Chana UMC announces winter holiday hour for family closet

CHANA — The Chana United Methodist Church is announcing its winter holiday hours for the family closet. This season, we are offering week-day hours by appointment and adding every Saturday morn-

ing walk-ins.

The Family Closet is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon through appointments only. To make an appointment, please call the church at 815-732-7683 and speak with

an employee. Saturday Hours will be every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. through noon. These seasonal hours will be from Nov. 1 through Dec. 17.

Many new and warm clothes are stocked for

fall and winter, including coats, boots and accessories. We have brand new shipments of infant through young adult with tags still on them. All clothes are free and everyone is welcome without limitations.

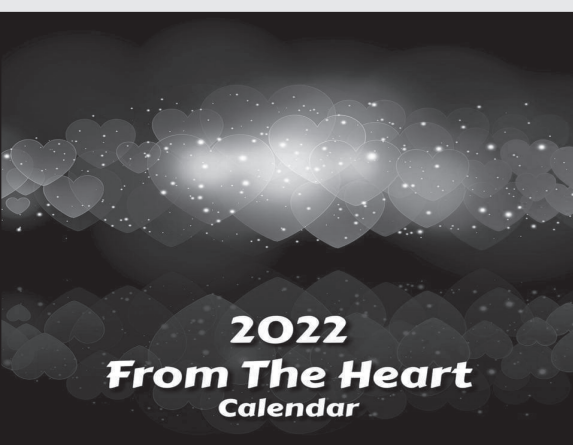
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 6
Alex & Heidi Bonilla (anniversary)
Nov. 7
Skylar Hall
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Jon Bieck
Nov. 10
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Nov. 11
Steven Huffstatler
Laiklyn South
Makayla Dorrill
Nov. 12
Bo Sexton

Nov. 13
Jacob & Marissa Seldal (anniversary)
Nov. 14
Jaelyn Sullivan
Emma Slack
Nov. 17
Tim South
Michael Ramsey
Nov. 18
Ethan Huff
Jenna Jackson
Nov. 20
Tony Fry

Nov. 22
Tim Dougherty
Nov. 23
Seth House
Kevin & Katie Sherburne (anniversary)
Carolyn Bieck
Nov. 24
Brenda Jones
Nov. 27
Makayla Ludwig
Nov. 29
Sam South

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



- Oct. 11 - John Swanson, Davis Junction, \$25
- Oct. 12 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 13 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Oct. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Oct. 15 - Jason Plumb, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 16 - BeKah Lewis, Amboy, \$50
- Oct. 17 - Kersta Baker, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 18 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 19 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Oct. 20 - Mikaela Comstock, Milton, \$25
- Oct. 21 - Larry Truckenbrod, Sublette, \$25
- Oct. 22 - Edna M. Miller, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 23 - Lance Charnock, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 24 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Oct. 25 - Juan Martinez, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 26 - Janelle Stein, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 28 - Laurie Haub, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 29 - Nancy Adams, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 30 - Village of Progress, \$50
- Oct. 31 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$250
- Nov. 1 - Josh Williams, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 2 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Nov. 3 - Matt Gerard, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 4 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
- Nov. 5 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50



Coffee Break

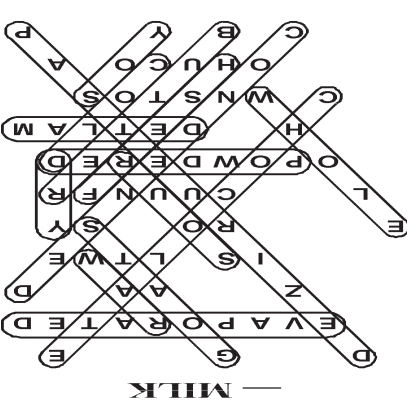
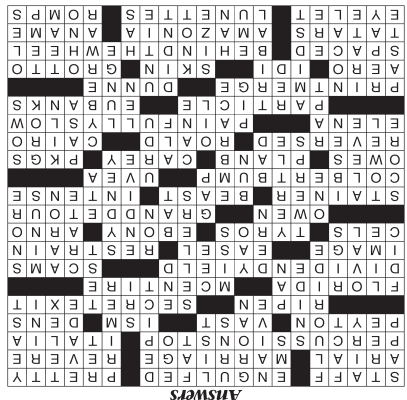
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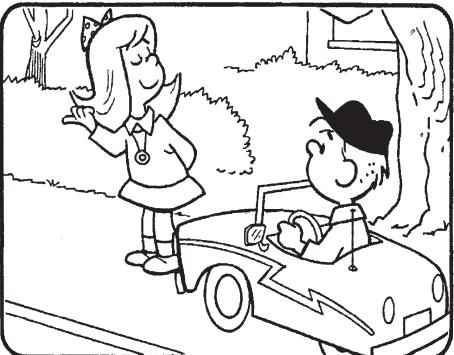
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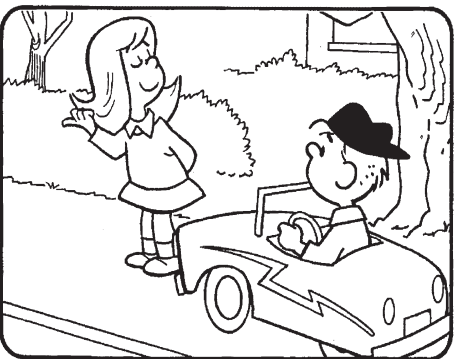


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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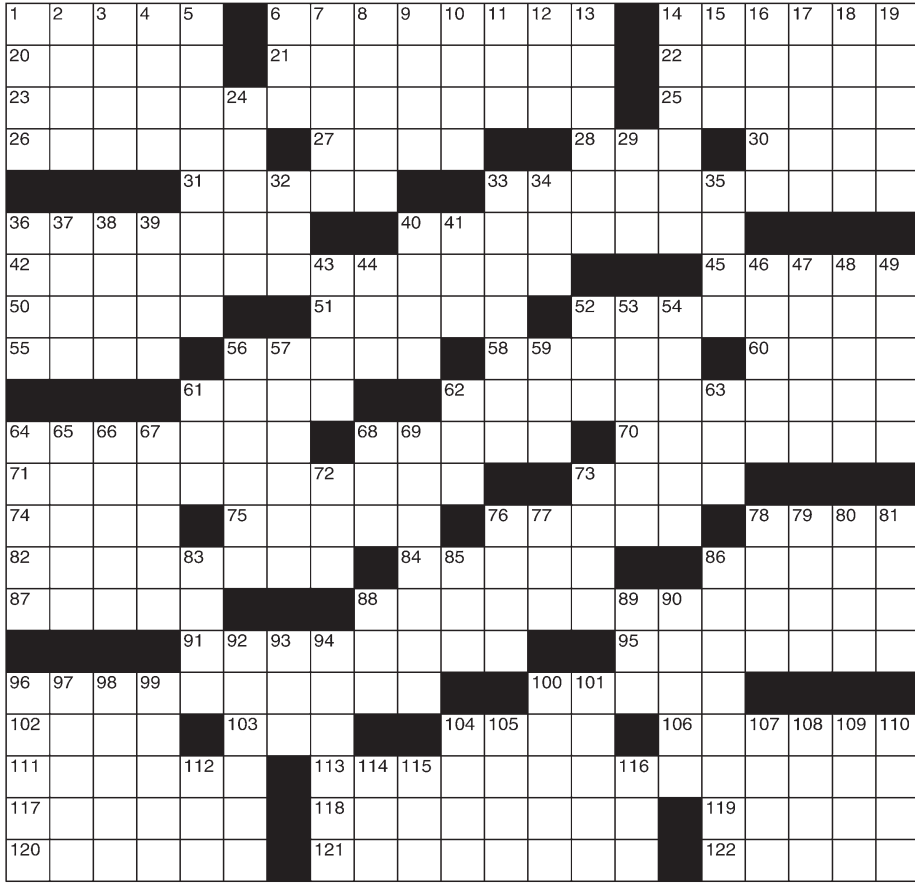


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28 Suffix with 12-Down
30 Jungle lairs
31 Age, as cheese
33 Hidden way out in a haunted house
36 Orlando locale
40 Singer Reba
42 Ratio of a stock share's return to its price
45 Shell games
50 Persona
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52 Hold in check
55 Animation frames
56 Neophytes
58 Blackish wood
60 Pisa's river
61 Actor Wilson
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32 Lousy review
33 Vendors
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35 Final, e.g.
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37 Tart pie fruit
38 Track shape
39 Road semis
40 Fail to catch
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47 Hitter Hank
48 Negative
49 Sleep sound
52 "Backdraft" director
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54 Biggest city in Australia
56 Nudniks
57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title
59 Belfry dweller
61 Small bill
62 Hiatus
63 Homer's H
64 Win a point
65 Sauna wrap
66 Tylenol rival
67 "Peer Gynt" dramatist
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RTHS Football

Second round rematch

No. 7 Rochelle set to face No. 15 Johnsburg in IHSA 4A Playoffs this weekend

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity football team dominated its regular-season matchup against Johnsburg, rushing for nearly 700 yards while senior Garrett Gensler scrambled for 362 yards as the purple and white cruised over the Skyhawks 60-35. The two conference rivals will square off once again during the second round of the IHSA 4A Playoffs on Friday evening.

The No. 7 seed Rochelle (8-2, 4-1 Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue) arrives in the second round after outlasting the No. 10 seed Dixon in a 42-36 overtime thriller this past week. The No. 15 seed Johnsburg (6-4, 2-3 Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue) rolled in the first round, crushing the No. 2 seed Chicago (Hyde Park) 54-8. The second-round contest will be played in Johnsburg, where the Skyhawks are 4-1 with their only loss coming against

the Hubs.

“I’m really proud of how our team came together at the end of our win against Dixon,” junior defensive back Tommy Tourdot said. “We found a way to win and that’s what we have to do during the playoffs. We need to stick to our keys against Johnsburg and having a chance to reach the quarterfinals is what we’ve been working for all season. We have to find ways to stop their passing attack because we have confidence that our guys up front can stop the run.”

Johnsburg recovered from a 1-3 start to the season to clinch an at-large berth in the playoffs. Much of that mid-to-late season success has been on the offensive end, where the Skyhawks are averaging 37.6 points per game on the year. Quarterback AJ Bravieri as well as running back Jake Metze and wide receiver Ian Boal are the triple threat for the Johnsburg offense.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

A host of defenders including Brock Metzger (left), Jaden Cook (middle) and Garrett Gensler (right) combine to tackle Johnsburg’s Brett Centnarowicz during the team’s varsity football game against the Skyhawks earlier this season. Rochelle and Johnsburg will face off again in the second round of the IHSA 4A Playoffs.

RTHS Cross Country



Rochelle student-athletes take home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards

The Rochelle Township High School cross country team celebrated its season with an awards banquet on Tuesday. Four student-athletes including Yuelma Ortiz, Gisselle Robles, Thomas Koziol and Luis Hernandez (Honorable Mention) (above from left to right) earned Academic All-Conference recognition this season. Luis Hernandez was named the Varsity Boys High Point Award winner and Elijah Mayen was named the Varsity Boys Most Improved Runner Award winner. Yuelma Ortiz received the Varsity Girls High Point Award and Bridgett Ramirez (below from left to right) earned the Varsity Girls Most Improved Runner Award.



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Junior Luis Hernandez (left) and senior Yuelma Ortiz (right) represented the Rochelle Township High School varsity cross country team in the IHSA 2A Kaneland Sectional.

Harriers conclude season at IHSA 2A Kaneland Sectional

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

MAPLE PARK—The Rochelle Township High School cross country season came to a close on Saturday, with junior Luis Hernandez and senior Yuelma Ortiz representing the Hubs and the Lady Hubs during the IHSA 2A Maple Park (Kaneland) Sectional at Kaneland High School.

Hernandez finished 53rd out of 139 varsity runners, clocking in with a time of 16:36.46. It was a new personal record for Hernandez, who ran under the 17-minute threshold in six of his final seven meets of the season. An Interstate 8 All-Conference honoree this fall, Hernandez will headline a crew of young athletes eligible to return to the varsity cross country team next fall.

"I felt like I ran a lot faster than I did at the sectional meet last year," Hernandez said. "It was a great experience. It was a really flat and fast course and I had a lot of fun. I want to win as many meets as I

can next season and another goal I have is for us to qualify for state as a team. I'm going to train harder and run more miles over the offseason. I think I'm going to run really well."

Ortiz took 77th out of 139 varsity runners with a time of 20:33.47. It was Ortiz's second time racing at sectionals after qualifying as an at-large individual last season. Also an Interstate 8 All-Conference runner this season, Ortiz set her personal record of 19:45.6 at the Matt Walter Invitational. Ortiz will be one of two seniors graduating from the varsity roster for the Lady Hubs.

"I really enjoyed the competitiveness of the sectional meet and I thought I did well," Ortiz said. "I thought the turns throughout the course provided some challenges because there were so many runners and they felt tighter than usual. I really enjoyed our workouts during the season and I'm going to miss my coaches because they have helped me achieve the confidence I have today."

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RTHS Volleyball

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Lady Hubs take home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards at team banquet

The Rochelle Lady Hub volleyball team held its awards banquet on Wednesday, with several girls taking home RTHS and Interstate 8 Conference awards. Eight varsity athletes earned Academic All-Conference honors including Lauren Basilio-Henry (Honorable Mention), Macenzie Glosser, Payton Hale, Kennedy Adamski, Macy Ramos (Honorable Mention), Casandra Garcia, Kendell Frankenberry (Honorable Mention) and Alivia Henkel (above from left to right). Three varsity athletes earned All-Conference honors including Ali Ohlinger, Payton Hale and Addie Friestad (Honorable Mention) (middle left). Four varsity athletes received RTHS awards including Alivia Henkel (Most Improved Player), Ali Ohlinger (Most Assists), Taelynn Rodeghero (Most Kills) and Payton Hale (Most Digs and Most Valuable Player) (middle right). Two sophomore athletes earned RTHS awards including Payton Cesarone (Most Improved Player) and Lauren Dyer (Most Valuable Player) (bottom left). Two freshman athletes earned RTHS awards including Jaydin Dickey (Most Valuable Player) and Kyrie Cragin (Most Improved Player) (bottom right).

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SPORTS

RTHS Cross Country

Young runners providing optimism for future

Several freshman and sophomore athletes step up for varsity team this season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Township High School varsity cross country team saw several freshman and sophomore runners deliver big performances throughout the season. With only a few seniors departing, head coach Mark Zilis has excitement for the future of the program.

The Hubs finished fourth in the Matt Walter Invitational and second in the Rochelle Invitational at Skare Park this season. Junior Luis Hernandez led the way for the Hubs, winning two meets and securing both Interstate 8 All-Conference honors and a berth in the IHSA 2A Kaneland Sectional. Senior Thomas Koziol will be the only senior departing from the varsity roster.

“We had an outstanding team this season,” Zilis said. “We lost a lot of kids after last season and they were replaced with nine freshmen and sophomores who ran incredibly well and are giving us a lot of hope for the future. Every single athlete improved by

a significant margin and it was difficult for us to select our Most Improved Runner Award winners because there were so many good candidates. I think we can see some of our runners make the state meet next year.”

Hernandez will headline a core group of runners eligible to return next season that include freshmen Declan McGee and Elijah Mayen as well as sophomore Chris Hickey. The Lady Hubs will lose two senior athletes from the varsity roster including Gisselle Robles as well as Interstate 8 All-Conference honoree and two-time IHSA Sectional qualifier Yuelma Ortiz.

“Our boys have the potential to make it to the state meet as a team,” Zilis said. “Luis gets better all of the time and I’d be shocked if he doesn’t make the state meet next season.”

Multiple freshmen including Annaliese Koziol, Rose Luxton, Emely Hernandez and Mary Chadwick earned varsity experience for the Lady Hubs this season. Sophomore Bridgett Ramirez could also return to lead the Lady Hubs at the varsity level



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Freshman Declan McGee (left) and sophomore Bridgett Ramirez (right) each earned varsity experience for the Rochelle Township High School cross country team this season.

next season.

“Yuelma had a fantastic season and she led our team the whole way,” Zilis

said. “We’re very excited about the girls we’ll have coming back next season and I think our girls will

have a chance to make it to the sectional meet as a team. I’m sure we’ll have some new athletes join our

team as well, but we’re motivated to get our girls to the state meet for the first time ever.”

HUBS: Rochelle seeking first quarterfinal berth since 2017

From page 1

“Sticking to our assignments helped us have a lot of success against Johnsbury earlier this season,” junior lineman

Landon Mickley said. “Penalties were a problem during that game, but if we clean those up, we can gain a lot more yardage. I think we’ll win this game if we stick to

our game plan and it’ll definitely be a huge confidence booster for us if we’re able to win.”

Friday’s matchup could be a déjà vu moment for some Rochelle

football fans, who saw the Hubs defeat the Skyhawks 35-16 in Johnsbury during the second round of the IHSA 4A Playoffs in 2017. Rochelle is shooting for its first nine-

win season since 2004 as well as its first trip to the quarterfinals since 2017. Friday’s game between the Hubs and Skyhawks will kickoff at 7 p.m.

“It’d be a special mo-

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**103
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Lee County, IL

113.22 Acres M.O.L selling as 1 Tract**Saturday December 3, 2022 10:00 AM**

Auction to be held at 2092 US 30 West Brooklyn, IL. 61378.

North side of US 30, across the road from Farmland



Land Location: The Hillison Trusts Farmland is 4 ½ miles north of West
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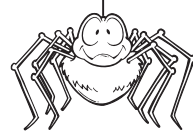
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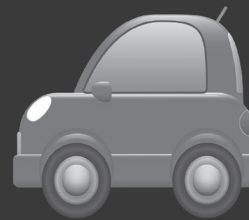
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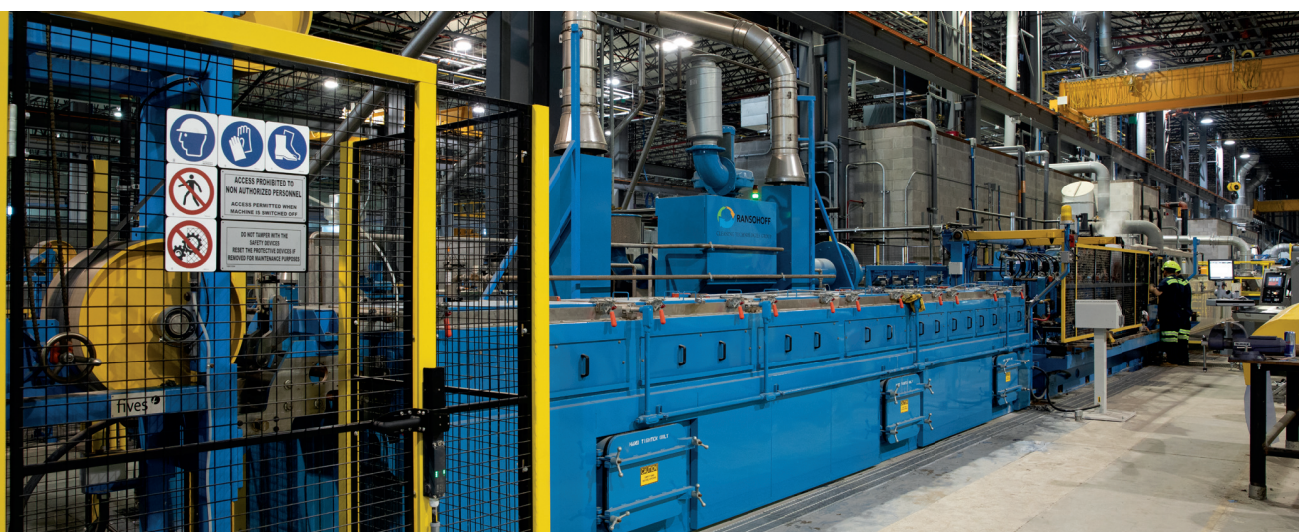
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