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Swinton leads bottle caps to benches program

Kiwanis Club works with RTHS Key Club and Builders Clubs

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Dennis Swinton of Rochelle and Kiwanis Golden K has spent the past three years heading up a plastic bottle cap recycling program with youth clubs and donors in the community. The project has yielded six benches.

The endeavor started when Swinton was working with the Rochelle Township High School Key Club on a service project as a surprise for its advisor, Danae White.

“She was going to retire,” Swinton said. “We decided to do a service project, and I saw online where you could collect bottle caps and get a bench. The kids said, ‘Hey, let’s make it for her.’ She didn’t know we were all collecting them. The bench is out behind the high school on the bike path. It’s got a plaque on it for her. That’s how we got started. And then it grew from there.”

The project requires 200 pounds of donated bottle caps to build a bench and a cost of \$275 plus about \$100 for trans-



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portation costs and more.

Kiwanis sponsors the Builders Clubs at Rochelle Middle School and at elementary schools in Kings and Creston. Swinton decided to ask them if they wanted to participate in collecting bottle caps in exchange for a bench

at their school. They did, and benches followed.

Swinton and company then collected caps for benches marked in honor of the Rochelle Police Department and Rochelle Fire Department that have been installed at Railfan Park.

“Now we’re thinking about collecting them to get picnic tables made,” Swinton said. “I’ll let the kids decide and I’ll go around and make a presentation to each of them and ask what they want to do. I found out yesterday that the middle

school already has 90 pounds of caps. We have a lot that need to be sorted here in our shop. If I get 90 pounds and what I have here, I probably have enough for another bench. It’s amazing.”

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Former resident recovering from hurricane

‘We could see our neighbors’ roof shingles flying off’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — A childhood friend is fundraising to help a Florida newspaper editor and former Rochelle resident recover from the devastating damage of Hurricane Ian.

“I’ve known Marcy Russell Shortuse most of my life,” Amy Chura Mosher said. “We grew up together in Rochelle, both eventually relocating to Florida. We need to support Marcy’s family as they repair/rebuild their home in Englewood, Florida. These funds will be used for repair and rebuild and replacing items lost in the storm as well as anything they might need in the meantime like groceries, bills, temporary housing, etc.”

Marcy, her husband, Jason, and their four kids who live at home — Keagan, Rory, Eirinn and Piper — experienced severe damage to their home and lost most of their belongings in Hurricane Ian (Sept. 28).

Their neighborhood on the outskirts of En-



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glewood experienced not only hurricane force winds of between 150-190 miles per hour for almost 12 hours, but many tornadoes as well.

They are currently living in a borrowed RV and a

travel trailer on their property, awaiting word from their insurance company as to how to proceed.

It has been five weeks since the storm. It is estimated that once repairs begin, it will be 8-12

months. In the interim they must make mortgage and utility payments, it is feasible they may have to tear down and start over.

On Marcy’s immediate to-do list is to find a small apartment or house to rent.

So many homes were damaged, rentals don’t stay on the market. Marcy also needs to replace household necessities, clothes, etc.

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Round up at Liquor 'n' Wine

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation and Liquor 'n' Wine are partnering to raise money. Page 3

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Currently on display at the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library is a Native American artifact collection owned by Steve O'Connor of Rochelle. The display will be up for the rest of November, which is National Native American Heritage Month. It features artifacts found around the region including in Wisconsin and the suburbs of Illinois.

Native American artifact on display at library

O'Connor: 'There's always stuff about our local history that I really enjoy'

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O'Connor came to own the collection after his late father owned it. His father was a member of the Fox Valley Rocks & Minerals Society and received the artifacts from lifelong collector August Mier.

"My son and I frequent the library and representatives from the library mentioned that it was Native American Heritage Month," O'Connor said.

"I told them about what I had. I'm also on the board of the Flagg Township Museum and they have a display of their own there. Most people are not aware of August Mier and how rare this stuff is."

O'Connor believes it's important for residents, especially students, to see historical artifacts like his. Most of the areas they originated from have been developed and are now cities like Naperville, Batavia and St. Charles.

"Here's a chance to see something," O'Connor said. "These are from areas that are long gone. Almost all of the farmland that a lot of this came from is gone."

A lot can be learned from viewing and learning information about the artifacts, O'Connor said. He thinks the collection speaks to the intelligence of the earlier civilization.

"They found out which plants were medicinally



good and which were dangerous," O'Connor said. "It must've been centuries of trial and error and they handed that information

down. They were trading a lot. Things from the upper peninsula have been found throughout the Midwest. They understood safety

and survival. They'd stay on the east side of rivers and bodies of water. That was because of prairie fires. They wanted to get

a natural barrier between them and the fire. They followed the buffalo".

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LOCAL NEWS

Jackson entering second year with Rochelle Police Department

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Police Department Dispatcher Candice Jackson has been with the department for one year and works overnight shifts. Jackson's responsibilities in her position include answering non-emergency calls and 911 calls and dispatching the proper responders from RPD, the Rochelle Fire Department and the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District. She has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration from Western Illinois University.

"I got into the profession because I've always had a passion for helping others," Jackson said. "What I enjoy most is that I get to help others at a time when it matters the most."

When she's not at work, Jackson enjoys spending



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Police Department Dispatcher Candice Jackson has been with the department for one year and works overnight shifts.

her free time with friends, family, her dog and going to sporting events and concerts.

Jackson sang the praises of her coworkers when asked about what she'd like

the community to know about the department.

"Everyone at RPD goes above and beyond to help our community members in their time of need," Jackson said.

Kishwaukee College recognized for excellence in financial reporting

MALTA — Kishwaukee College was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the college's comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year 2021.

The achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by Kishwaukee College and its management, according to GFOA. Jill Hansen, Kishwaukee College chief financial officer, and the Kishwaukee College Busi-

ness Office were cited for their work compiling the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Each year, Kish submits its ACFR to GFOA for review and evaluation by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate Kish's financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

"The ACFR allows the public to assess the economic condition of Kishwaukee College with full transparency because the report goes well beyond minimum financial reporting requirements," Hansen said.

Kish has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since first submitting an ACFR in 2012.

"This recognition showcases the fiscal stability and transparency Kishwaukee College offers to the community it serves," said Bob Johnson, Kishwaukee College Board chair. "The efforts of Jill Hansen and our business office are exceptional and greatly appreciated by college leadership and our constituents."

GFOA provides best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members working in federal, state and local finances.

Economic growth leads to reduced tax levy for Kishwaukee College

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted to certify the college's 2022 tax levy at its November meeting at a level that will continue a 10-year trend of lower Kishwaukee College real estate tax rates for residents and businesses within the Kishwaukee College district, which encompasses parts of DeKalb, Ogle, Lee, Boone, Kane, Winnebago and La Salle counties. Kish's share of a typical district real estate tax bill is approximately 7 percent, depending on the tax rates of other local taxing bodies.

"As stewards of Kish-

waukee College, the board and college leadership will always look to make responsible financial decisions to benefit our students and our constituents," Bob Johnson, board chair, said. "This year's tax levy is another example of the strong health of our institution."

Several factors benefited this year's levy decision, including higher student enrollment, federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) dollars, which assisted the college in keeping costs affordable for students through a challenging period dealing with the COVID-19

pandemic, and a growing district equalized assessed valuation (EAV) as a result of increased construction, particularly on the south side of DeKalb. For the first time in 11 years, Kishwaukee College saw an increase in enrollment for the fall 2022 semester.

The Kish board continues to seek opportunities to improve the financial health of the College while benefiting both students and taxpayers. The college has not increased tuition rates in three years and helped save taxpayers approximately \$14 million in bond refinancing in 2020.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Round up to support the RACF at Liquor 'n' Wine

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) has partnered with Liquor 'n' Wine, located at 1140 N. 7th St., on a new and creative way to give back to the community.

Customers can round their change up to the next dollar in support of the RACF Endowment Fund. The process is simple. Shop at Liquor 'n' Wine and when you check out, just tell the cashier you would like to round up to the next dollar in support of the Rochelle Area Community Foundation. Your change will go into a fund that is tallied every month and donated to

RACF. So far almost \$300 has been collected!

Manish Patel, owner of Liquor 'n' Wine, said "I appreciate the Rochelle community and we are always looking for a way to show our gratitude and support. The Rochelle Area Community Foundation Endowment gives back to many local nonprofits through their Community Need Grants. This made for a natural collaboration between us."

Emily Anaya, RACF executive director, stated, "We are privileged to work with businesses such as Liquor 'n' Wine. They see the need in our community and offer

unique ways for people to give. It's an opportunity for all of us to support the community in a way that is simple and easy just by rounding up your change. Every donation is significant, no matter how big or small. When put all together small change can have a huge impact. I hope many of you will shop at Liquor 'n' Wine for your upcoming holiday gatherings and make sure you round up!"

If you or your business are interested in finding unique ways of supporting RACF, similar to that of Liquor 'n' Wine, please call 815-561-3600 or email at director@rochellefoundation.org.

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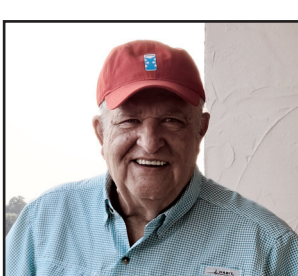
Leon (Lee) Elliot Molway Jr.

WOODSTOCK, G.A. — Leon (Lee) Elliot Molway, Jr., 73, died at home on Nov. 9 after a short battle with cancer. He was born on Sept. 25, 1949 in Boston, Massachusetts as the oldest of five children of Leon Elliot Molway, Sr. and Juanita (Gilbert) Molway. A resident of Woodstock, Georgia, he retired from a career in IT at Baxter Healthcare in 2008. He grew up in Palatine, Illinois and previously lived in Rochelle, Lake Zurich, and Fox Lake, Illinois prior to moving to Woodstock. He was very active in the Cherokee Senior

Softball Association as a player, coach, manager, and board member.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Joella (Doyle) Molway, his sons Scott and Angela (Olsen) and James and Meghan (Devlin) Molway. He is also survived by seven grandchildren Elliot, Evin, Ethan, Hunter, Blake, Emmy and Caleb Molway, and three sisters, Sheryl Holden, Bebe Molway and Carol Seaman, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, daughter, Jennifer Leigh Molway, and his brother, William Molway.

Services were held at



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Woodstock, Georgia 30189 on Nov. 15. He was cremated. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cherokee Senior Softball Association at 3950 Cobb Parkway NW Acworth, GA 30101 or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1208 Rose Creek Drive, Woodstock, GA 30189.

Rochelle Police Report

Officers issue citations

ROCHELLE — On Nov. 21, Rochelle Police cited Brayan Orozco-Ramos, 21, Rochelle, for improper lane usage. Orozco-Ramos posted a promise to comply and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 21, Rochelle Police cited Edlaus L. New, 52, New York, for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. New posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 22, Rochelle Police cited Jamarionna B. Bryant, 18, Rochelle, for no valid driver's license. Bryant posted a promise to comply and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 23, Rochelle Police cited Terry D. Smith, 48, Ashton, for failed to reduce speed/accident. Smith posted a promise to comply and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 24, Rochelle Police cited Ramo Ruedas-Hernandez, 51, Rochelle, for disregarding traffic control device. Ruedas-Hernandez posted a promise to comply and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 24, Rochelle Police cited Michael J. Schiller Jr., 26, South Beloit, for speeding and possession of adult cannabis. Schiller posted an I-bond and a court date is



set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 24, Rochelle Police cited Natasha M. Locklin, 27, Crystal Lake, for possession of adult cannabis. Locklin posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

On Nov. 24, Rochelle Police cited Cole A. Burkhart, 29, Steward, for failure to report accident to police. Burkhart posted an I-bond and a court date is set for Jan. 27, 2023.

Elizabeth Pauley

ROCHELLE — Elizabeth Pauley, 34 of Pinellas Park Florida, passed away peacefully at Northside Hospital in Pinellas Park on Thursday, Nov. 17, the Catholic feast of St. Elizabeth with her close friend Alan Brooks by her side. She lost her battle with substance abuse.

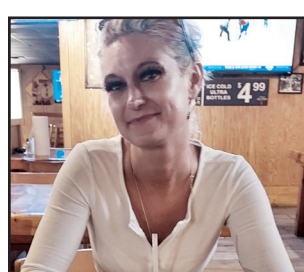
Elizabeth was born Sept. 19, 1988, in Aurora, to Ann and William Pauley. She attended Our Lady of Good Council school, Aurora Central Catholic, and West Aurora High School.

In addition to her Mother and Father. She is survived

by her son Preston Borris, her sister Emily Pauley (Tim Miller), Brothers Andrew and Adam Pauley, Godparents Peter Bertrang and Jane Johnson, Many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends including close friend Alan Brooks who was able to be with her during her final hours.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents' Raymond and Marion Bertrang, paternal grandparents Faye and William Pauley.

No services will be held in Florida. A celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held in her honor in 2023



in Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, in her memory, an educational fund for her son Preston has been established at the Stillman Bank P.O. Box 300 Rochelle, IL 61068) Attention Preston Borris.

We will always love her and cherish the memories we have of her, May she rest in eternal peace.

Christian Robert Mittan

PAW PAW — Christian Robert Mittan, 50, of Mendota, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, at his home. He was born Jan. 25, 1972, in Monroe, Wisconsin, the son of Robert and Nancy (Voss) Mittan.

Christian was a 1990 graduate of Rochelle Township High School. He worked for Starved Rock Wood Products in Mendota.

Christian is survived by his mother, Nancy Mittan of Steward; a son,

Chaz Evans of Tennessee; his spiritual wife, Carrie Beck, of Mendota and her children, Ariel, Dylan, Brent, and Jesse along with several of her grandchildren.

Christian is preceded in death by his father, Robert Mittan.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at the Torman Funeral Home, 510 Flag St., Paw Paw. A graveside service will follow the visitation at Wyoming Township Cemetery in



Paw Paw with Pastor Ken Foster officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Adoption Center of Illinois.

Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.

Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Deputies respond to accidents

OGLE COUNTY — On Nov. 21 at 5:18 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies along with Oregon EMS responded to the area of 4000 East Pine Rock Road for the report of a one vehicle crash with injuries. After an investigation, it was determined that a Chevrolet Silverado, driven by a 16-year-old male juvenile of Chana, lost control traveling south around the curve in the 4000 block of East Pine Rock Road.

The Chevrolet entered the east ditch, and rolled back onto the roadway. The 16-year-old male juvenile driver was checked by Oregon EMS, and refused treatment with a parent present. A 14-year-old male juvenile passenger, also of Chana, was transported to KSB Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries. The crash remains under investigation.

On Nov 21 at approximately 9 a.m., Ogle County Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 6600 block of North Route 2. After an investigation, Christian Bejna, age 30 of Oregon was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Bejna was given an I-bond for driving on a suspended license, and a verbal warning for operating an electronic device.

The vehicle was removed from the location by Nielson towing. All parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

On Nov. 22 at 5:21 a.m., Deputies responded to the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 38 in reference to two separate accidents. Upon arrival, Deputies learned a black Infinity G35, driven by Giovanni Serrano, age 21 of Rochelle, was traveling westbound on Route 38 when he began to spin out of control before traveling off the north side of the roadway. The vehicle then overturned several times before coming to rest on its side in a cornfield. Serrano was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS and later flown to St. Anthony's Hospital for serious injuries.

Serrano was issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. This accident remains under investigation. Deputies also learned of a second accident, which had occurred at the same location. A gray Subaru SUV, driven by Damien Blake, age 30 of Rockford, was traveling westbound on Route 38 when it struck debris in the roadway from Serrano's vehicle.

Blake then lost control of the vehicle and traveled off the south side of the roadway before coming to rest in a cornfield. A passenger in the vehicle,

Anton Baker, age 36 of Rockford, sustained minor injuries and was later transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS. Creston Fire/EMS also assisted with both accidents.

On Nov. 22 at approximately 2:15 p.m., Deputies responded to Illinois Route 251 and Big Mound Road in reference to a two vehicle accident with injuries. After investigation Deputies learned that a maroon Hyundai passenger car, driven by 19-year-old Tyree Simmons of Rochelle, was traveling northbound on Route 251 and had stopped

at the Big Mound intersection and was waiting to turn. A white Chrysler passenger car, driven by Jeremiah Gerard, age 25 of Rockford, was also traveling northbound on Route 251 and struck the rear of the Hyundai. Gerard was issued a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Gerard was transported to Mercy Hospital by New Mulford Ambulance for a minor injury. A minor in the Hyundai was transported to Rochelle Hospital for minor injuries by Lynn Scott Rock ambulance.

On Nov. 22 at 12:06 p.m. the Ogle County Sheriff's Office was advised of a vehicle pursuit southbound on Illinois Route 26 from Freeport. The pursuit involved the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office and a white Mazda MX5. The pursuit continued south on Route 26 and then continued south on Freeport Road. In the area of Freeport Road and Milledgeville Road an Ogle County Deputy deployed stops stick in an effort to flatten the fleeing vehicle's tires and end the pursuit.

As the driver of the fleeing vehicle approached the Deputy he veered left in an attempt to strike the Deputy, who was on the shoulder of the opposite lane of traffic. The Deputy was able to move out of the way of the fleeing vehicle.

A collision between the fleeing vehicle and a Stephenson County Sheriff's Office occurred after the fleeing vehicle entered the roadway. The driver of the fleeing vehicle, Brian Taylor 49 of Massillon, Ohio was taken into custody by the Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

Taylor was charged with Attempted First Degree Murder and is currently being held at the Ogle County Jail. The Ogle County Sheriff's Office completed the crash investigation and additional charges are pending in both Ogle and Stephenson County.

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LOCAL NEWS

CAPS: Swinton details history of Kiwanis Club program

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Swinton said the project had grown into more than what he originally expected. At his home on School Avenue, he leaves a place outside for residents to donate bottle caps.

“A little old lady comes by at least once a week and drops a bag off in my driveway,” Swinton said. “A couple of our Kiwanis members are at Liberty Village and they take buckets out there and collect throughout the facility. People all over help out. It’s unbelievable.”

Swinton called seeing the community’s support of the project “awesome.” When money was needed

to pay for the cash portion of the benches, he went to Mayor John Bearrows to ask if he knew anyone who may be interested in helping. That same day, Bearrows secured a \$1,500 donation from Rochelle Disposal’s employees and the city matched that amount.

“That paid for the six benches we’ve done,” Swinton said. “It’s been awesome.”

Students at the grade schools collect the caps and bring them in bags. And then members of the RTHS Key Club sort them and fill a bag and weigh them and tag it and get it ready.

So far, 1,200 pounds of bottle caps have been made

into benches. The sorting process can be very time consuming, Swinton said.

Swinton believes the “well-built” benches will last forever. He can see the one that was placed at RMS from his home.

“People actually use it,” Swinton said. “I look over there once every while and there’s a couple kids sitting there waiting for their parents to pick them up on that corner. It’s a good feeling to say, ‘Hey, look. They’re using it.’ It’s not just sitting there doing nothing. The ones at the rail park get a lot of use. I saw a guy there sitting on one of them playing music. They’re being used. And for good things. It’s a neat deal.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Dennis Swinton said the project had grown into more than what he originally expected. At his home on School Avenue, he leaves a place outside for residents to donate bottle caps.

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/crestonumcil 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!

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

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

First Presbyterian Church – An Amazing Place for Amazing Grace- Rev. Doug Forsberg, Senior Pastor. 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. Email: info@placeforgrace.com. 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

Grace Fellowship Church — Pastor Jeff Ardisson, 2128 Il Route 38, Ashton, 815-453-7464. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:45 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

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.

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, 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 Pastor: Dan Sergeant and Pastor Nick Tornabene. (Classes for children through age fifth grade during service.)

Primitive Baptist Church, services 3’d Sunday each month, at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the meeting room of the Holiday Inn Express, 1240 N. Dement Road, Rochelle, Ill. Elder Robbie Webb, and other ministers preaching. Lunch and fellowship time between services. Contact Elder Rob Webb, 312-809-0871, or Elder Robert Webb, 217-357-3723, or email bwebb9@juno.com for more information. Services sponsored by the Carthage Primitive Baptist Church for convenience of members and friends in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Visitors are welcome.

Rochelle United Methodist Church, Rochelle United Methodist Church invites everyone to come and look for the angels with us this Advent and Christmas season. There are angels among us that may not meet the eye; There are messages of hope coming from a choir on high; But don’t just look up; for the way God works is to plant more [hope] right here on earth just like it was with Jesus birth. There are angels among us... (Chuck Bell). You are invited to come and hear with us the messages of advent that so often come with the words of angels saying, “Do not be afraid.” **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. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. **Our Facebook page** is www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. Our Wednesday Bible Study is studying, “The Angels of Christmas,” by Susan Robb beginning on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 pm. As always here, everyone is welcome! **Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor.** 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. 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: stpatricksochelle.com Email: 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

Thanksgiving in a Las Vegas casino

THERE is no place more miserable to be on Thanksgiving Day than in a buffet line in a Las Vegas casino. Trust me. I've been there. Back when I was single and a reporter for the Las Vegas Sun, I found myself new in town and alone on the holiday in the middle of Sin City. So, I spent an hour-and-a-half standing in line at the Texas Station Casino waiting for a helping of turkey and dressing. I found myself talking

to the others in line. We were each in the same gravy boat, newcomers to town who were dining alone. We regaled each other with stories of happier Thanksgivings that didn't have slot machines ringing in the background. For me, those happier times were on a farm south of Galesburg munching on turkey and pumpkin pie and quizzing my mother about why we couldn't have ham instead of turkey. She would patiently explain that turkey was what was served on

the holiday. And I in my adolescent angst would say, "But, Mom, we're hog farmers. Shouldn't we have loyalty?" At this point she'd put a dollop of mashed potatoes on my plate in hopes of filling my mouth with spuds rather than questions. Thanksgiving is about family. We lost my mother nine years ago to breast cancer. And we miss her.



Scott Reeder

But oddly enough, it was Thanksgiving and cancer that opened a door in my life that I never expected. Back in 2001, my mother was scheduled for a partial mastectomy the week after Thanksgiving. I was afraid. A bit lost. I didn't want to lose her. And I didn't feel like I had much to be thankful for. A friend, seeing that I was down in the dumps, set me up on a blind

date — three days before Thanksgiving. I didn't know what to expect, but life was raw back then. We arranged to meet at a local restaurant — Chili's. I wasn't trying to impress. The woman, who had just graduated from veterinary school, had kind brown eyes and an easy smile. Her mom had breast cancer, too. The conversation didn't revolve around the usual first date superficial small talk. We talked about what is really important: Family.

Five hours later, the restaurant manager asked us to leave — it was closing time. Five weeks later, we were engaged to be married. We now have three daughters. Sometimes love just sneaks up on you. It was the last thing I expected 21 years ago this week. But one thing I learned that week of Thanksgiving: There is always something to be thankful for. Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreed-er@illinoistimes.com.

Addressing nutrient loss issues

IN 2015 the Illinois Farm Bureau worked with various government agencies, environmental groups and agricultural organizations to develop the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. The document outlines various initiatives farmers can incorporate on their lands to address nutrient loss issues. The Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) guides state efforts to improve water quality by reducing nutrient levels in Illinois lakes, streams and rivers. The NLRs lays out a plan to leverage existing programs to optimize nutrient loss reduction across the state while promoting collaboration, research, and innovation across various sectors, including agriculture. The strategy outlines a comprehensive suite of best management practices (BMPs) for

reducing nutrient loads from wastewater treatment plants and urban and agricultural runoff, as well as targeting the state's most critical watersheds. The strategy was developed by a policy working group led by the Illinois Water Resource Center-Illinois Indiana Sea Grant, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). Group members included representatives from state and federal agencies, agriculture, and non-profit organizations as well as scientists and wastewater treatment professionals. The NLRs has produced Biennial Reports since 2015, with the most recent report being released in 2021. Since NLRs's development in 2015, IFB has served as an active participant in working groups and other collaboration

opportunities in an effort to strategize and monitor progress in the agriculture sector. IFB has expanded its work on the NLRs in four priority areas: education and outreach to farmers, landowners and the general public; supporting research of best management practices to reduce nutrient loss from agricultural fields; supporting farmer implementation efforts across the state; and demonstrating progress toward the long-term goals of the NLRs. IFB voluntarily provides the IDOA and the IEPA with activity reports on our organization's efforts to implement the NLRs. This information is then incorporated into the larger NLRs Biennial Reports. Activity reports from 2015 through 2021 are available for



Ron Kern

those who are interested in our organizational metrics toward meeting the goals of the NLRs. In addition, we also have created a summary document that showcases our work on the NLRs from 2015 to present. IFB also has produced the 2021-2022 Environmental Report that you can use to showcase this work to your stakeholders at the local level. Thanks to the many individuals — both staff and farmer leaders — who continue to make the issue of water quality a priority. It is because of the work of all of us, and the tracking of our efforts that we have a great story to tell on behalf of Illinois farmers. Through leadership and participation from our farmer members across

the state, IFB has been able to make meaningful contributions toward water quality improvements in Illinois. From 2016 to present, IFB has committed nearly \$2.4 million of its own funding to build and maintain its stewardship programs. The NLRs is a science-based framework for using research, technology and industry experience to assess and reduce nutrient loss to Illinois waters and to the Gulf of Mexico. The NLRs sets forth a plan to leverage existing programs to optimize nutrient loss reduction while promoting collaboration, research, and innovation among the private sector, academia, non-profits, wastewater treatment agencies, the agricultural sector, and state and local government. The primary goals include reducing nitrate-nitrogen losses by 15 per-

cent and reducing total phosphorus losses by 25 percent by the year 2025 from established baseline conditions. The NLRs was released in July of 2015 after multiple years of stakeholder discussions in which IFB participated. In 2015, building off its existing water quality efforts, IFB created new programs to support farmer implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to help Illinois meet the goals of the NLRs. For the past several years, IFB has made it an organizational priority to lead on environmental issues, most notably, the NLRs. "There are three stages of man: he believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus." -Bob Phillips Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

“What source do you use to check the weather and get updates?”

“Weather Channel app and WIFR weather app.”

Katie Paulsen

“AccuWeather app.”

Cathy Haas

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COMMUNITY



RTHS FFA members attend national convention in Indianapolis

Rochelle Township High School FFA members attended the national convention in Indianapolis recently. Attending were: Left to right: Makayla Ludwig, Megan Seebach, Lauren Basilio Henry, Cambrey Rodeghero, Emily Lovett, Veronica Vaughn, Meredith Bruns, Paloma Arrez, Samantha Overton, Ricardo Rodriguez and Sebastian Arroyo.

RTHS speech team wins season opener

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Township High School Speech team opened its competitive season at home Saturday with the Rochelle Novice Tournament and finished first in the team standings. Individuals earning finalist honors were as follows:

First place: Vi Hull (prose reading), Lucas Smardo (radio speaking) and Z Brizuela (oratorical declamation).

Taking second place: Bobbi Henning (humorous interpretation), Karma Lidren (humorous interpretation) and Pigeon Burgholzer and Brooklyn Hull (humorous duet acting).

Taking third place: Khalil Winston (impromptu speaking), Liam Wise (impromptu speaking), Khalil Winston (original comedy) and Ashes Glover (poetry reading).

Taking fourth place: Hailey Bunker and Alayna Smardo (humorous duet acting), Matilda

Gonser (special occasion speaking), Kyrie Cragin (radio speaking), Z Brizuela (dramatic interpretation), Faith Adams (informative speaking), Bobbi Henning (original comedy) and Sienna Seebach (original comedy).

Taking fourth place: Liam Wise (informative speaking), Pigeon Burgholzer and Mae Owen (dramatic duet acting) and Sienna Seebach (humorous interpretation).

Taking sixth place:



Alayna Smardo (oratorical declamation), Cassandra Aguilera (oratory) and Ashes Glover and Karma Lidren (dramatic duet acting).

Speaker of the week is Z Brizuela.

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

Nov. 29 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Wraps with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ranch
Dec. 4 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Oatmeal, Meat Skillets over Diced Potatoes

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries
**All menus are subject to change. If you would like to check before coming out, please call us at 815-561-9074
www.KitchenTableRochelle.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov. 27
Makayla Ludwig
Nov. 29
Sam South

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



- 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
- Nov. 7 - Jacob Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 8 - Sharon Watkins, DeKalb, \$25
- Nov. 9 - Rachel Huff, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 10 - Pastor Greg & Tina Hoffman, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 11 - Foundation for Focus House, Rochelle, \$250
- Nov. 12 - Nancy Pfab, Lindenwood, \$25
- Nov. 13 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
- Nov. 14 - Michael Shumack, Amboy, \$25
- Nov. 15 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 16 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Nov. 17 - Patty Rudolphi, Dixon, \$25
- Nov. 18 - Justin Hutchinson, Sterling, \$25
- Nov. 19 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 20 - Dale Galland, Rochelle, \$50
- Nov. 21 - Gary and Sharon Olszewski, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 22 - Colby Capes, Chicago, \$25
- Nov. 23 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 24 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$500
- Nov. 25 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Nov. 26 - Sharlene Meadows, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$50



Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE • — TOWN

E T H E B Y V S P M J H E B Y
V T A Q D O L I G D B G Y W T
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S Q D C B M P T N N O A N L F
K T E K R A M N H A P H A I O
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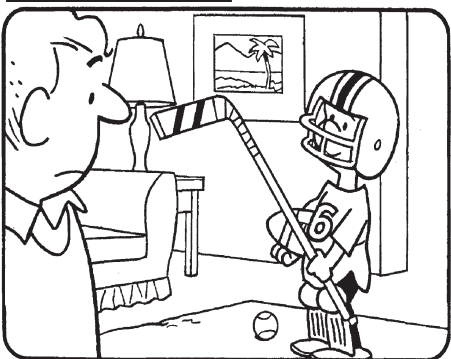
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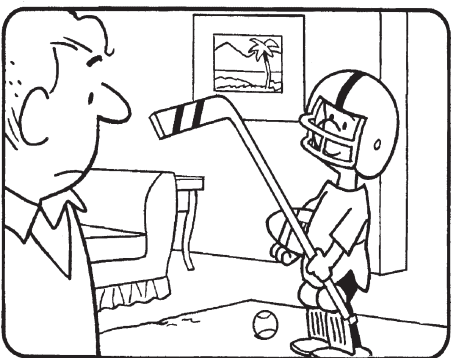


HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

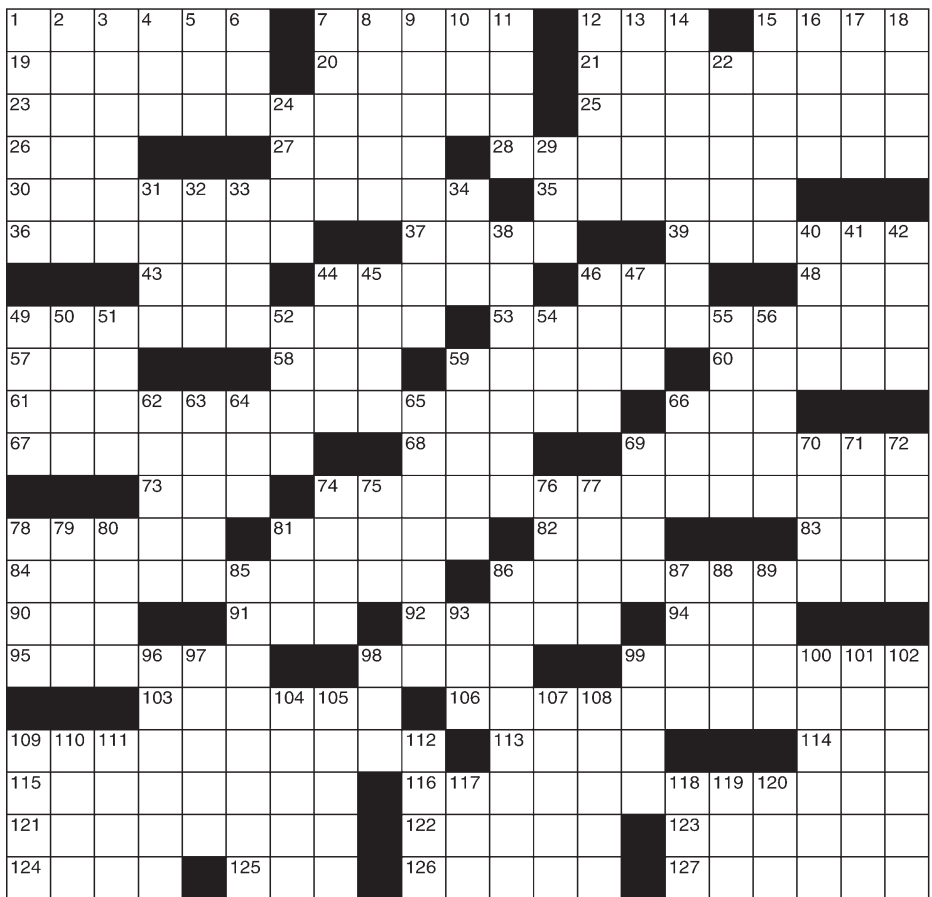


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Super Crossword

WAX SHADES

- ACROSS
1 Played golf on the green
7 Baseball card company
12 Indy sponsor
15 Andy's pal
19 Ryan and Tatum
20 Little Mermaid's name
21 Superman's love interest
23 Kitschy lawn adornment (1997)
25 Rotating part in a water pump
26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir.
27 Fraternal org. with lodges
28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993)
30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998)
35 Loch monster, informally
36 Shoe parts
37 Piccolo's kin
39 Skin art
43 Retail store's beginning?
44 Rice — (food brand)
46 Iowa college
48 Woman on "Frasier"
49 Plant also called bachelor's button (1958)
53 Glitzy display (1993)
57 Verse tribute
58 Counterpart of masc.
59 Test versions
60 Old — (quaint)
61 Sky, to the U.S. Air Force (2003)
66 Tax-deferred svgs. plan
67 Nestlé movie theater treats
68 Zadora of "Butterfly"
69 "That's a big yes from me!"
73 "Criminal Minds" airer
74 Grassland on the slope of a peak (1998)
78 Pond growth
81 Curt
82 P.O. arrival
83 Hip-hop "Dr."
84 Plant rolled about by the wind (1993)
86 Makeup of many dunes (1998)
90 Deg. for a future exec
91 Large tank
92 Novelist Jong
94 Often-refined resource
95 Capitol group
98 Life story: Abbr.
99 Gets by
103 Lose all feeling
106 Both pleasant and sad (1958)
109 "The final frontier" (1998)
113 See 54-Down
114 Caustic alkali
115 Muscle rotating the forearm to a palm-down position
116 What each of this puzzle's featured answers is (with the year it was introduced)
121 Lily Tomlin's little girl persona
122 Confine
123 Spelunking chamber
124 Pecans, e.g.
125 "Norma —"
126 Hops-drying ovens
127 Sports deals
DOWN
1 "Nova" genre, for short
2 Togetherness
3 Doctrines
4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..."
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10 Wooden pin
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18 Feudal slave
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32 Royal Norse name
33 Little — (Dickens girl)
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41 Leak slowly
42 Rocker Osbourne
44 — bit (just slightly)
45 — Martin (cognac)
46 Energy mogul
47 Pound divs.
49 Dairy animals
50 Norse god
51 Move, in Realtor lingo
52 "Just the Two —" (1981 hit)
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55 Based on — story
56 Fancy crown
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LOCAL NEWS

IAN: Former Rochelle resident impacted by hurricane

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Complicating matters is this: the insurance company declared it was insolvent the day before the storm. Neither it not responding and FEMA has denied their claims. Marcy said she knows many who are in the same boat.

Here is how Marcy explained what happened: “The day before the storm I was at work in Boca Grande, on Gasparilla Island, when I saw University of Florida Storm Researcher trucks lined up in front of our library (carrying) multiple towers on trailers. The guy I spoke with said they were there to place the towers, then leave. He said by noon the next day no one should be anywhere near there, as ‘hurricane force’ winds were going to occur.”

“When (the Weather Channel’s) Jim Cantore showed up in a hotel in Punta Gorda in the late morning hours, we knew there was going to be trouble. Meteorologists were still talking about the storm hitting Tampa.”

“The next day the

weather started at about 11:30 a.m., experiencing Category one or two winds. Forecasters were calling for the eye to pass over Cayo Costa, which is a half mile from Gasparilla Island, and right down the road from our house. By 3 p.m. the wind was a sustained category three range and the little arched window above the big window over our front door started raining down, little bits at a time, even with metal shutters covering it.”

“We could see our neighbors’ roof shingles flying off. My youngest first thought they were black birds in the sky. Still, the kids played cards and joked about having (window) glass in their hair. By 5:30 p.m. the wind made it impossible to even try to crack the door and look outside. I would say it was a mid-range category four (136-150 miles per hour) by that time. The wind was just screaming. The trap door to the crawl space was starting to bang.”

“Maybe an hour after that my ears started popping so badly, it hurt. My girls were holding their

ears, so I knew they felt it, too. No more than 15 minutes later, the first window on the second floor (north-facing) blew out. Almost immediately after that the ceiling over that room caved in.”

“We have a loft house, so everything on the second floor is open to the first floor. The ceiling started coming down everywhere. The first round of it fell on one of my daughters, but it was so waterlogged, the drywall easily broke over her head and shoulder (still not a sight I will forget for a very long time). A short time later the winds increased.”

“In the front entryway (first floor) and in the great room (second floor) there was a huge collapse of the ceiling. Everything was covered in blown-in cellulose insulation and drywall. It was almost up to my knees in the foyer. I had to keep walking back and forth through it to take our supplies from the study to the back of the house, where we still had a ceiling. It was pouring rain inside and the wind noise was so loud, we



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Marcy Russell Shortuse’s neighborhood on the outskirts of Englewood experienced not only hurricane force winds of between 150-190 miles per hour for almost 12 hours, but many tornadoes as well.

couldn’t hear each other speak from a foot away. The words were taken away by the wind.”

“A couple of times during the worst of it I had to go upstairs to retrieve things. Pushing the thought out of my head that plywood was the only thing between myself and the hurricane was not easy. The second time I went up, the other north-facing windows upstairs blew in.

It was uncool.

“It went on for hours. We never got the eye. We were consistently in the eyewall as it rolled around us and sat on top of us. We sat there in the dark, waiting for the entire roof to just sail away. It didn’t. I think it was about 11:30 p.m. or so that we thought we noticed a decrease in the wind. By 12:30 a.m. it was noticeable. I think it was around 2 a.m. when

I laid down in a wet bed, in wet clothes. Just before falling asleep I recognized it was soundless outside.”

Marcy added, “I will continue to love storms, as I always have, but I will never forget the look on my kids’ faces or hearing their screams during the worst of it.”

You can help Marcy & family online at <https://bit.ly/22HelpMarcyShortuse>

NIU announces Fierce Gamer Scholarship winners

DEKALB—This past spring, Dr. Levi Harrison, an orthopedic surgeon known as “the esports doctor,” announced that he would award a \$1,000 scholarship to one Northern Illinois University student for the 2022-23 school year. However, the best-laid plans can go awry, and after the scholarship committee had narrowed down the field, Dr. Harrison found

himself faced with two applications so exceptional that he couldn’t choose between them. His solution? Award two scholarships: to NIU students Angelica Navarrete and James Westlund.

Navarrete and Westlund are both exceptional students and gamers with very different backgrounds, academic pursuits and approaches to video gaming. Together,

they represent one of the ideals that motivated Dr. Harrison to create the scholarship: an inclusive gaming community that embraces and supports people of all backgrounds. In their own way, each also demonstrates Dr. Harrison’s other motivating ideal: support for healthy gaming practices.

“This scholarship is about raising awareness of the power of the es-

ports community,” says Dr. Harrison. “The application was open to any NIU student because I want to spread the word about the positive aspects of healthy video gaming. It can minimize your stress. I also believe it can maximize your academic achievement. It can also help you to build community wherever you are, so that you know you’re not alone.”



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LOCAL NEWS



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Rochelle resident Steve O'Connor came to own the collection after his late father owned it. His father was a member of the Fox Valley Rocks & Minerals Society and received the artifacts from lifelong collector August Mier.

LIBRARY: Native American artifact currently on display

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"They'd stay where there was a solid river bed where the buffalo would cross. There was some of that in the Rockford area."

In the future, O'Connor would like to find someone to take the collection that will take care of it. He's getting older and doesn't want to risk it getting broken up and

spread out. He was also handed down Mier's rare field notes.

"This stuff should not be in my house," O'Connor said. "It should be in a museum."

O'Connor's preservation of the collection is an attempt to honor not only his father, but Mier as well.

"It's about their foresight to realize this stuff is irreplaceable and has

value," O'Connor said. "My dad saw value in history and the knowledge that goes with it. These have probably no value to anybody other than a person that appreciates it. There's always stuff about our local history that I really enjoy. It's just hard to get the kids interested. You don't know where you're going if you don't know where you've been."

Engineering scholarships available for local students

DIXON — High school seniors looking for ways to help finance their college engineering education can apply for a scholarship available from the Rock River Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. Applications are available now until the application deadline of Jan. 20, 2023. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors of all public

and private high schools in the Rock River Chapter area which includes Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties in northwestern Illinois. Applications for scholarships are judged from national standard test scores, essays, transcripts and extracurricular activities. Scholarships are available only for students attending an accredited engineering program.

In our 2022-2023 scholarship cycle, the Rock River Chapter will award at least one scholarship of \$1,000. Last year the chapter awarded three new scholarships. Local scholarships are made possible by the Rock River Chapter through its annual scholarship fund raisers.

For more information contact Rock River Scholarship Chairman, Erik Larson, at 815-284-3381.

Kish Foundation awards husband-wife duo with Distinguished Alumni Award

MALTA — John and Jenny Hall were awarded the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award at the Kishwaukee College Foundation Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 5. The award honors established alumni who have demonstrated service or outstanding contributions within the Kish community.

"It is a wonderful honor to be recognized for this award. Our time at Kish provided a platform to learn and grow as young adults and certainly inspired our pride in our community, which has carried over to our work with DeKalb County United Soccer Club," John said. "Kishwaukee College creates impactful opportunities for students, and we are proud to be members of the Kish family."

John Hall graduated from DeKalb High School in 1999 and chose Kish for the next chapter in his educational journey. John describes his time at Kish as influential because it allowed him to grow and determine what he wanted to do with his life while continuing to play collegiate-level soccer. It was also the romantic setting where he met his wife Jenny, a 1999 Sycamore High School graduate.

Jenny started her higher education journey at a private college, where she was a student-athlete on the women's soccer team, which Kish did not have at the time. After a year, Jenny transferred to Kish to move closer to home and save money. After Kish, John joined Area Erectors, where he has been involved with many facets of the business and currently works in sales



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Pictured (left to right) are Kish alumni Dr. Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kishwaukee College Foundation; John Hall, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; Jenny Hall, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Nicole Williams, Kishwaukee College Foundation Board immediate past president.

and project management. John later returned to Kish as the Assistant Coach for the men's soccer team from 2011-2013.

Following his time as a coach at Kish, John became involved with regional soccer programs, where he witnessed numerous athletes being recruited to play on semi-pro teams located outside of the area. Seeing an opportunity to build a club in their home community, John sought the input of Jenny, who simply said, "Do it!"

In 2016, they worked with area partners to create a semi-pro team that would bring the local community together through the game of soccer, and in 2017, DeKalb County United (DKCU) was launched.

In 2022, the two leading area youth soccer clubs joined forces with DeKalb County United to create the DKCU Academy. The new youth academy provides a comprehensive player development pathway from ages under eight youth soc-

cer to college, semi-pro, and more, all under the DKCU umbrella. The academy utilizes the support of the DKCU adult club structure while maintaining a local focus that meets the needs of all youth players in the community.

In addition to their day-to-day careers, each serves as a member of the club board, with John as the president and Jenny as the secretary. John and Jenny's leadership and contributions have made a widespread impact in DeKalb County with their soccer club and youth initiatives.

Built on uniting the communities through the love of soccer, they are paying it forward for future generations. "Their selfless dedication to the residents of our district, youth in our community, and the support of Kish makes them great representatives of the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award," said Dr. Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kishwaukee College Foundation.

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SPORTS



MEET THE FRESHMEN

Q&As with freshman members of the Rochelle Hub wrestling program.

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RTHS Wrestling

Hubs knock off Dukes

Rochelle defeats state-ranked Dixon during meet with Burlington Central

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—A battle of state-ranked teams capped off an exciting evening of wrestling at Rochelle Township High School on Tuesday, when the Hubs hosted their season-opening varsity triangular meet with the Burlington Central Rockets and Dixon Dukes.

Currently ranked No. 10 in Class 2A, Rochelle recorded five falls in its first dual match of the evening, cruising over Burlington Central 65-9 before squaring off against Dixon, who begins the season ranked No. 7 in Class 1A. Both teams traded blows throughout the match, but a full lineup allowed the Hubs to score five forfeits and knock off the Dukes 51-25. Rochelle (2-0, 0-0 Interstate 8) will host Rock Falls and Erie-Phphetstown on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Central

Freshman Tony Milburn wrestled the first match of the season for the Hubs, erasing a 5-2 deficit with a first-period reversal and fall with seven seconds remaining on the clock to

beat Henry Deering in the 113-pound bout. Sophomore Xavier Villalobos extended Rochelle's lead in the 120-pound bout, recording two takedowns and a near fall for a 7-0 decision over Austin Lee.

"I think this team has a chance to go really far this season," Villalobos said. "Our dream will be to win the state championship and we're excited to start the season with a 2-0 record. We're young and a lot of these guys have known each other for a long time. We have a strong bond and we're a really tight group. We know when to be serious and we always push each other."

Sophomore Joseph Nadig and senior Wesley Brown received forfeits in the 126-pound and 138-pound bouts Tuesday. Sophomore Weylin Nay earned a hard-fought fall over Cole McGuire in the second period, coming back from a 2-0 deficit with a takedown-to-fall combination. After freshman Brenden Voight took a forfeit for the 145-pound bout, sophomore Grant Gensler hit a reversal-to-fall combo in the second period to take the 152-pound bout over



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Jaden Cook turns over Dixon's Sean Devries during the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling match against the Dukes on Tuesday. Cook won the 285-pound bout by fall as the Hubs took down the Dukes 51-25.

Zayn Afeef.

Trailing 39-0, Burlington Central avoided the shutout in the 160-pound bout, where Jonah Chavez won by fall over junior Leo Stoffel. Freshman Roman Villalobos brought the Hubs right back in the 170-pound bout, totaling two takedowns before

snatching a second-period fall over Alan Perez. Junior Brock Metzger continued Rochelle's scoring stretch in the 182-pound bout, compiling three near falls and two takedowns in a 17-0 technical fall over Brandon Mancera.

Senior Jorge Driggs outlasted Christian Wa-

likonis in the 195-pound bout, rallying for an 11-10 decision that saw multiple third-period lead changes. Sophomore Kaiden Morris made quick work of the 220-pound bout, taking down Sammy Winstrom and earning a 44-second fall. The dual concluded with senior Jaden Cook

receiving a forfeit for the 285-pound bout and freshman Freddie Hernandez coming just short in a 10-8 overtime loss against David Wyruchowski.

"We really wanted to come in here and wrestle well," Morris said.

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RTHS Boys Basketball

Hubs fall in Strombom Tournament opener

Three Sterling players reach double figures as Rochelle suffers 75-37 defeat

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SYCAMORE—Several members of the Rochelle Hub basketball team earned their first taste of varsity experience during Wednesday's Strombom Tournament opener against Sterling. It was a rude awakening for the Hubs, who fell behind early and were run out of the gym as the Golden Warriors saw three starters reach double figures in scoring during a 75-37 victory over Rochelle.

Sterling started the game on a 14-3 run, forcing several turnovers with solid ball pressure and scoring on multiple transition layups at the basket. The Hubs were limited to only two field goals in the first quarter, with senior Raul Aguirre hitting a low-post shot and junior Eli Luxton sinking a 3-pointer. Rochelle (0-1, 0-0 Interstate 8) trailed the Golden Warriors 20-7 after the first quarter.

"Sterling has a really good team and they have a lot of players back from last season," head coach Tim Thompson said. "I was really disappointed with our effort. I can accept a loss against a better

team, but I can't accept a loss when we're jogging around and we're getting manhandled physically. We talked before the season about some of our non-negotiables like diving for loose balls and grabbing offensive rebounds. We failed on a lot of those things today."

The Hubs struggled to move the ball beyond the half-court line during the second quarter, as the Golden Warriors continued to take advantage of poor passing and ball handling from Rochelle. Despite a series of short-range makes from Luxton, who led the Hubs with nine points on Wednesday, Rochelle's 23 first-half turnovers and overall shooting woes allowed Sterling to dominate the early portion of the game and enter the locker room with a 53-16 halftime lead.

"Sterling has solid athletes who are really physical and they can play good one-on-one defense," Thompson said. "We were having difficulties getting the ball up the floor and we went several possessions without a shot. There aren't many ways to win games that way and we have to figure out how we can get the ball out and how we can



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Colton O'Rorke drives to the hoop during the Rochelle Hub varsity basketball game against Sterling on Wednesday. The Hubs lost 75-37 in the opening round of the Strombom Thanksgiving Tournament.

push the ball up the floor."

The Hubs found some offensive rhythm in the third quarter, where better

dribble penetration and ball movement around the perimeter led to more quality shot attempts. The Golden

Warriors held a 69-28 lead entering the fourth quarter, where junior Chandler Cunningham converted

back-to-back 3-pointers and a putback at the rim to end the evening with eight points.



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Year: Freshman

Sport: Wrestling

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: The competition.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: P.E. because I'm able to stay active.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Nick Suriano because he inspires me.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom and dad because they push me to be better.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a student-athlete at RTHS?

A: The school spirit as well as my friends, teachers and coaches.

Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: Two years.

Brenden

Voight

Year: Freshman

Sport: Wrestling

Q: How many years have you been playing this sport?

A: Five years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Winning and the competition.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Jordan Burroughs.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom and dad.



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SPORTS

HUBS: Rochelle wrestlers start season with 2-0 record

From page 1

“We have a strong brotherhood and we all want to win. We love each other and we’re going to work hard for each other and earn as many bonus points as we can. Coach [Alphonso] Vruno and coach [Nelson] Baker talked with us about making it to the dual state meet and that’s something that has been in my head since the season started. Being there would be an amazing experience.”

Dixon

Rochelle claimed the first two matches against the Dukes, with freshman Deegan Schabacker receiving a forfeit for the 126-pound bout before Joseph Nadig edged James Simpson for an 8-3 decision in the 132-pound bout. Dixon ended a 9-0 Hub run in the 138-pound bout, where Cade Hey scored a 15-0 technical fall over senior Wesley Brown. Freshman Brenden Voight beat the buzzer and brought

Rochelle right back during the 145-pound bout, holding a 2-0 over Austin Hey entering the second period, where Voight earned the fall with five seconds left on the clock.

“It’s a major confidence boost to win over Dixon and I think it should make our guys really happy,” Villalobos said. “We’re proud of this win but we’re going to continue to work.”

Grant Gensler gave the Hubs a 21-5 lead in the 152-pound bout, scoring a takedown and a first-period fall over Konner Kohler. The Dukes won the next three matches, however, with Jayce Kastner earning a 16-1 technical fall over Leo Stoffel before Steven Kitzman and Roman Villalobos fought to the finish in the 170-pound bout, where a takedown near the end of the overtime period allowed the Duke wrestler to emerge with a 3-1 sudden victory. Owen Brooks won by fall over Brock Metzger during the second period to claim the 182-pound bout.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Brock Metzger cradles Burlington Central’s Brandon Mancera during the varsity wrestling match against the Rockets on Tuesday. Metzger won by technical fall as the Hubs took down Burlington Central 65-9.

Dixon took its first lead of the match in the 195-pound bout, where Ethan Mick won by fall over Jorge Driggs to make the score 27-25 in favor of the Dukes. After Kaiden Morris took a forfeit for the 220-pound bout, how-

ever, Jaden Cook stepped into the ring and bull-rushed Sean Devries in the 285-pound bout, scoring a takedown and first-period fall to put Rochelle back on top.

“We lost against Dixon last season and we didn’t

wrestle really well,” Morris said. “We were really motivated to beat Dixon tonight. I thought we beat them by a good margin tonight and that gives us some confidence as we prepare to wrestle other teams. I think we have a

good team.”

The dual ended with three consecutive forfeits, as Freddie Hernandez, Tony Milburn and Xavier Villalobos earned freebies in the 106-pound, 113-pound and 120-pound bouts for the Hubs.

RTHS Boys Bowling

Rochelle splits matches with Kaneland, Mendota

Powell, Odle lead Hubs to 12th place finish at Guilford Survivor Tournament

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

DEKALB — The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team earned its first Interstate 8 Conference win of the season Monday evening, defeating Kaneland 3,196-2,512 at Mardi Gras Lanes. Freshman Andrew Powell rolled a team-high 648 series for the Hubs (2-3, 1-2 Interstate 8), who will continue their schedule with a nonconference meet against Mendota on Tuesday.

Rochelle cruised over

the Knights 961-874 in the first game to take a commanding series lead. The Hubs dominated the second game against Kaneland, winning 1,041-779 behind 246 from Powell and 217 from senior Evin Odle, who fired a 570 series score on Monday. Junior Jonathan Alanis rolled a 180 and freshman Owen Tooley added a 182 in the second game.

Rochelle clinched the three-game conference sweep with a 1,094-859 victory in the third game. Powell fired a 236 to close

out the match, while Alanis threw a 212 to end the evening with a 562 series score. Odle carded a 184 and sophomore Logan Frye added a 178 in the third game.

Mendota

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team faced Mendota on the road Tuesday evening, falling 3,416-3,083 in nonconference action. Freshman Andrew Powell rolled a team-high 562 series score for the Hubs (2-4, 1-2 Interstate 8), while junior

Sam Tracey added a 540 series score and junior Christian Thorne followed with a 512 series score in the meet.

Mendota took the early lead in the match, winning the first game 1,126-1,077 behind 232 from Landen Bauer and 210 from Clay Buffington. Tracey fired a 203 to lead the Hubs in the first game, while junior Jonathan Alanis threw a 183 and Thorne finished with a 180.

The Trojans took the second game 1,119-1,032 to extend their lead in the

series. Alex Holland rolled a 237 and Bauer followed with a 220 on the Mendota side, while Powell threw a 184, Thorne fired a 186 and Tracey bowled a 178 for the Hubs during the second game.

Mendota clinched the sweep with a 1,171-974 victory in the third game. Bauer scored a 268 to end the evening with a match-best 720 series and Powell rolled a 200 to cap off his series score for Rochelle. Buffington threw a 197 in the third game to finish with a 575 series for the

Trojans.

Guilford

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team competed in the Guilford Survivor Invitational at Don Carter Lanes on Saturday, finishing 11th out of 22 schools after the four-game qualifying round and ending the tournament in 12th place overall. Rochelle rolled a 3,491 series total, with senior Evin Odle rolling a 751 (187.8 average) while freshman Andrew Powell fired with a 733 (183.3 average).

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July 1, 2021 to to June 30, 2022**

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Susan Sevedge
Susan Sevedge
Secretary-Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of November, 2022.

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Beginning Balance All Funds 7/1/21	\$217,628.35
GENERAL FUND:	
Property Taxes	436,784.83
Corp. Replacement Tax	123,903.31
Interest	474.79
Fines & Fees	10,838.05
Gifts & Donations	198.20
Miscellaneous	7.90
Lost Materials	93.35
Book Sale	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$572,300.43
GRANT FUND:	
Per Capita Grant	20,291.58
Misc Grant	9,782.00
TOTAL GRANT FUND	\$30,073.58
INSURANCE FUND:	
Property Tax	51,103.95
Interest	15.52
TOTAL INSURANCE FUND	\$51,119.47
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND:	
Property Tax	40,067.70
Interest	12.06
TOTAL IMRF FUND	\$40,079.76
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:	
Property Tax	22,537.91
Interest	6.91
TOTAL FICA FUND	\$22,544.82
AUDIT FUND:	
Property Tax	7,512.46
Interest	3.45
TOTAL AUDIT FUND	\$7,515.91
STATEMENT TOTALS:	\$723,633.97

FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; 2021-2022 EXPENSES FOR 12-MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2022	
GENERAL FUND:	
PERSONNEL COSTS	282,091.95
LIBRARY MATERIALS	26,815.80
BUILDING OPERATIONS	71,678.79
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	27013.76
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT	4542.05
EQUIPMENT COSTS TOTAL	18358.88
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$430,501.23
General Fund vendors paid more than \$2500	
Baker & Taylor 14,919.77; Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL \$18,481.21; Chase Card Services \$4,868.11; De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. 3856.88; Fischers Inc. \$3,150.49; Frontier \$3,092.99; Helm Service \$5,536.50; Hoopla \$8,326.14; Nicor Gas \$8,089.78; PrairieCat \$11,368.01; Rochelle Municipal Utilities \$19,456.09; Rochelle News-Leader \$2,717.00; Stataline Technologies \$15,604.00; Steve's Landscaping \$3,500.00; Today's Business Solutions, Inc. \$3,478.00; Turner Cleaning Service \$21,840.00; Vendor's paid less than \$2500.00 \$16,809.76	
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Sarah Flanagan	
GRANT FUND:	
LIBRARY MATERIALS	9,368.30
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	305.00
LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT	3,010.89
EQUIPMENT COSTS	17,487.50
TOTAL GRANT:	\$30,171.69
Grant Fund Vendors Paid More Than \$2500	
CDW Government LLC \$3,447.26; Chase Card Services \$3,342.08; Dell Computer Corp. 13,650.24; EBSCO Subscription Services \$3,000.00;	
Grant Fund Vendors paid less than \$2500 \$5,859.71	
INSURANCE FUND:	
PERSONNEL COSTS	2,653.20
BUILDING OPERATIONS	50,131.23
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	2,438.00
TOTAL INSURANCE FUND	\$55,222.43
Insurance Fund Vendors Paid More Than \$2500	
Johnson Controls \$19,974.88; King Blacktop \$12,379.00; KONE, Inc. \$7,396.29; Cincinnati Insurance Companies \$11,350.00;	
Vendors paid less than \$2500 \$2,390.06	
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND:	
Personnel Costs	27,275.95
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Paid More Than \$2500	
\$29,712.92	
Vendor's paid less than \$2500 None	
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:	
Personnel Costs	19,132.37
Social Security Fund Paid More Than \$2500 \$19,132.37	
Vendor's paid less than \$2500 None	
AUDIT FUND:	
Library operations	7,750.00
Audit Fund Vendors Paid More Than \$22500 Sikich, LLP	
\$7,750.00	
Vendor's paid less than \$2500 None	
STATEMENT TOTALS	
	\$570,053.67
Ending Balance All Funds 6/30/22	\$371,208.65



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WINTER SURVIVAL

How to prepare your car for the winter

SUMMER and fall can stake their claim as road trip season, and even devoted drivers may admit that winter is generally a less desirable time to take to the open road. The elements factor heavily into that reputation, as fewer hours of daylight, snow and ice are just some of the variables that can make it less enjoyable, and potentially more dangerous, to drive in winter.

In anticipation of adverse driving conditions, vehicle owners can take various steps to prepare their cars and trucks for winter.

Upgrade your wiper blades. Perhaps nothing is compromised more than visibility when driving in winter compared to other times of year. Snow makes it hard to see when driving, but fewer hours of daylight also can affect visibility. In fact, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that approximately half of all fatal crashes occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., even though the number of drivers on the road during those hours is considerably lower than it is during the daytime.

The difficulty of driving at night is even more significant when wiper blades are not up to the task of keeping rain and snow off drivers' windshields. Prior to winter, inspect wiper blades and upgrade them, if necessary. Streaks left on a windshield are a telltale sign that blades need to be replaced.

Purchase winter tires. Winter tires may not be necessary in regions with relatively mild winters. However, drivers accustomed to winters marked by heavy snowfall and/or icy roads should consider replacing their existing tires with winter tires. Many newer vehicles are now equipped with all-season tires, which the tire experts at Bridgestone note provide great performance but are not designed to handle extreme winter conditions like snow and ice. Winter tires are specially designed to handle such conditions, making them a worthy investment for drivers who live in regions where it's not unusual to encounter snow and ice throughout the winter.

Study up on your engine oil. Some vehicle



manufacturers recommend different grades of oil depending on the range of temperatures a car or truck will be driven in. The owner's manual will likely indicate if the manufacturer recommends using a different type of engine oil in especially cold

temperatures. Even if the manual does not include such a suggestion, drivers can seek the advice of a local mechanic.

Schedule a pre-winter tuneup. Even if a vehicle is not due for a tuneup, it can be wise to have it looked over by a local

mechanic before the arrival of harsh winter weather. A mechanic can check the radiator, hoses and other components that could be affected by especially cold weather in the months to come. If any issues are found, address them immediately. After all, it's

better to be proactive than leave yourself vulnerable to breakdowns or other issues once the mercury drops.

As fall gives way to winter, drivers can take steps to keep their cars running strong and safe in the months ahead.

Four factors to consider to maintain winter safety

MANY changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel ac-

cidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to

back injuries.

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on

every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots

shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring.

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