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Jeni Hardin was inducted into the Rochelle Rotary Club during its recent meeting. **Page 7**

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## Rochelle veteran goes on honor flight Strang: 'To go with that group... was amazing'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Sept. 6, Rochelle resident and Vietnam-era Navy veteran Steve Strang went on an honor flight trip to Washington DC.

The trip was organized out of Peoria and the organization sends veterans to Washington DC on a one-day trip to see monuments and sights free of charge. 75 veterans were on Strang's trip.

Strang mostly served in Guantanamo, Cuba during his service, along with stints in Chicago and California. He was part of the United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Navy Seabees, that form the U.S. Naval Construction Force.

Strang took his daughter, Wendy, to accompany him on the trip and to help him along. Strang suffers from ALS that inhibits the use of his arms and gives him trouble getting up and down. The honor flight experience started with dinner in Peoria the night before for all of the participating veterans before departing early the next morning.

Strang's experience



(COURTESY PHOTO)

On Sept. 6, Rochelle resident and Vietnam-era Navy veteran Steve Strang went on an honor flight trip to Washington DC.

included seeing Arlington National Cemetery and the changing of the guard ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery until we got there. I didn't think they changed the time for anybody. But they did for us. It was a wonderful thing to do."

On the way back home during honor flights, veterans are given letters written by family, friends, members of their local community and more

thanking them for their service. And then after the plane landed, the veterans were met with hundreds of people including friends and family welcoming them home.

"It was unbelievable how many people showed up in Peoria when we got back to say thank you and honor the veterans," Strang said.

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## 2023 budget presentation made Monday

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — During a special meeting of the Rochelle City Council on Monday, City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh made a presentation on the city's 2023 budget.

The total 2023 city budget amount is \$106.6 million, which Fiegenschuh said increased due to planned capital improvements and projected increased power costs for Rochelle Municipal Utilities. The budget aligns with the city's strategic priorities of economic and business development, financial management & stability, community inclusivity and engagement, infrastructure effectiveness & improvement, core service delivery, and quality of life.

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## Walmart hosts ribbon cutting ceremony Haager: 'It's really to set us up for the future. A long future'

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Friday, Rochelle's Walmart held a ribbon cutting and "re-grand opening" event for its recent renovations to the store at 311 E. Illinois Route 38.

Store improvements made in recent months include online grocery pickup moving to a more convenient location for increased daily order capacity, expansion in departments of groceries, health and beauty aids, over the counter pharmacy and sporting goods, doubling the number of self-checkout lanes, new grab and go deli/lunch items, new signage and fixtures, and new paint and polished concrete floors.

"The improvements will be a game changer for our customers," Jim Haager, Walmart store manager, said. "The increased capacity of online grocery pickup is just one way we're innovating to create a more convenient experience for our customers."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Friday, Rochelle's Walmart held a ribbon cutting and "re-grand opening" event for its recent renovations to the store at 311 E. Illinois Route 38.

The Friday event saw attendance from Walmart employees and representatives from the City of Rochelle, Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and the community. Haager thanked everyone that attended to celebrate the store's transformation.

The Walmart store manager said the project was one the biggest he's been involved in other than when Walmart moved locations from its previous, smaller location in Rochelle. He thanked employees for their work during the recent renovation.

"You all did a great job and stepped up and did a lot of things that you haven't done before," Haager said. "You made this happen."

Haager said there's "very little" in the store that hasn't moved and the goal of the renovations was to improve the shopping experience and set up the Walmart to serve customers far into the future.

"I think we've accomplished that," Haager said. "We did our best to rearrange things to make

it better. It's really to set us up for the future. A long future."

Rochelle City Councilwoman Kate Shaw-Dickey attended the event on behalf of the city.

"We're so excited to be here," Shaw-Dickey said. "Usually when we're doing a ribbon cutting, it's for a new business. This is for a renovation and we're just as proud of this project as we are of any new business. Jim, you and your staff did a phenomenal job and thank you for your investment and to Walmart for reinvesting

in our community."

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera said the event was a celebration of more than just the recent renovations.

"We want to celebrate with you, not only for the renovation, but the added services and benefits to our citizens," Herrera said. "I want to personally thank all of you for your hard work during the pandemic. Walmart was an anchor and this was what helped get our community through that. We want to celebrate that, too."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RCH offering free lunch for veterans on Friday

**ROCHELLE** — In recognition of Veteran's Day and to honor our veterans of military service, Rochelle Community Hospital will offer a free lunch to any veteran on Veteran's Day this Friday, Nov. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the RCH cafeteria. Rochelle Community Hospital would also like to thank their employees who are veterans and express our appreciation

for their service to our country. They include: Alyssa Artola — Marines, phlebotomist, laboratory; Frank Bemis — Marines, network administrator, information services; Heide Bliss — Navy/Army National Guard, food & nutrition manager; David Wagner — Air Force/Army, coder, health information management and Dr. Andrew Zwolski — Navy/Marines, emergency room physician.

RN, emergency; Daniel Pineda — Army, systems administrator, information services; Mark Price — Army, ultra sound technologist, imaging; Ross Pullom — Navy/Army National Guard, food & nutrition manager; David Wagner — Air Force/Army, coder, health information management and Dr. Andrew Zwolski — Navy/Marines, emergency room physician.



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## Epilepsy Support Group to be held at The Village Bakery

**OREGON** — Illinois Epilepsy Support and Resources provides supports to people with epilepsy in Central and Northwest Illinois. These include but are not limited to: peer support, caregiver support, support in accessing benefits, navigating insurance, identification

and linkage to medical professionals, access to counseling and help coordinating transportation. An introductory meeting will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at The Village Bakery, 101 N. 3rd St., Oregon.

For more information visit its Facebook page: Illinois Epilepsy Support and Resources, [www.streatorunlimited.org/epilepsy](http://www.streatorunlimited.org/epilepsy) or contact Stephanie Harcharik at 815.673.5574. Streator Unlimited, Inc. administers this project under a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services.



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

At a grand reopening ceremony for its recent renovations on Friday, Walmart of Rochelle presented donations to Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Community Action Network.

## Walmart presents donations to NIFB and Rochelle CAN

**ROCHELLE** — At a grand reopening ceremony for its recent renovations on Friday, Walmart of Rochelle presented donations to Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Community Action Network. The donation to NIFB was for \$2,000. NIFB Retail Coordinator Simon Seibert said his organization operates in 13 counties in northern Illinois and has provided over 81 million meals to local food pantries in local communities.

"Without teams like this, we wouldn't even be here," Seibert said. "Just this year, this store has donated more than 87,000 pounds of food to Rochelle Christian Food Pantry. That's huge. That creates almost 73,000 meals. Those meals would feed a family a four on three meals a day for 203 months. That's 17 years. All of the food that's been donated by this wonderful team stays in this community. It's really amazing."

The donation to CAN was for \$3,500. Walmart Store Manager Jim Haager said the store has worked with CAN over decades. "Each year we partner with Walmart to do the children's shopping trip for needy families in Rochelle," Mike Dale of CAN said. "It started long before I got here. We've just carried the torch on and Walmart's always been a great partner for us. We really appreciate that partnership."

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Celebrate Veterans Day at the Flag Township Museum on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Veterans Day event at Flag Township Museum Nov. 13

**ROCHELLE** — Celebrate Veterans Day at the Flag Township Museum on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special program — *Rochelle's Soldiers* — will be presented at 1 p.m. The program includes information about Civil War soldiers in Company A from Rochelle and stories about soldiers who were from Rochelle and served in other conflicts. Light refreshments will be available. Special items on exhibit include letters and artifacts recently received from the descendants of James Dawson, Civil War veteran from Rochelle. In addition, the Salute to "Butch" Halsne poster made by the late Tyler Smith that is on loan to

the museum will be on display. Comprehensive lists of veterans buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery and Trinity Memory Gardens, compiled by Lydia Roberts of the Rochelle DAR, will also be available. Veterans and families of veterans are encouraged to attend to share their stories. Biographical forms and suggested questions used by the Veterans History Project are available for sharing memories. The mission of the Flag Township Historical Society and Museum is to stimulate interest in Flag Township history through education, research, collection and preservation of information for the benefit of the public of today and in the future.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CITY: Bearrows issues Veterans Day proclamation

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"I feel passionately about this budget and I think it's a great one," Fiegenschuh said. "Our revenues remain very strong and our general fund specifically is in very good shape. Major funds with the exception of water are all above approved council policies."

Fiegenschuh outlined 2022-2023 accomplishments and priorities that included the demolition of Hickory Grove, energizing a new electrical substation on Ritchie Road, implementation of new ERP and asset management systems and continued redevelopment efforts for all corridors. The 2023 general fund budget projects revenues of \$13,405,888 and expenditures of \$14,702,934.

The city's general fund expenditure breakdown includes 37 percent going to contractual expenses, which is largely made up of power purchase for RMU. Capital outlay makes up 27 percent and personnel makes up 16 percent of expenditures. Most of the city's expenses by department breakdown is made up of the police department (32 percent), municipal building (23 percent) and fire department (21 percent). The city has 132 full-time employees.

Capital improvement plan items for the future include a new ambulance, body cameras for the police department, a bridge replacement on Seventh Avenue and phase two of electrical system distribution upgrades.

"Our current financial position and the progress that's been made in this community in the past 2-5



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows read a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The proclamation was accepted by representatives from multiple area veterans organizations.

years is a great barometer as to the quality of leadership we have in the city manager and department heads," Mayor John Bearrows said. "And the city council has been extremely supportive of projects that come before us. I thank everybody for the work they did to make this budget work out."

### Debt

The council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing Fiegenschuh to accelerate payment on a promissory note it used to pay for land it previously purchased from the

Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO) in the amount of three payments of \$164,937.50 for a total of \$494,812.50.

The city and GREDCO are collaborating on the development of a container yard as an extension of the Rochelle Transload Center. GREDCO has requested that the city deposit the remaining payments into an escrow account for the construction of the new container yard in lieu of making future payments on the promissory note. The accelerated payment will

allow construction to begin this fall and for the new intermodal service to begin early next year. The new container yard along with the improvements to the Rochelle Transload Center will add more rail services to the city-owned railroad, which the city believes will bring more revenue.

### Alley

The council held a public hearing for and unanimously approved the vacation of an alley located at 507 W. 2nd Ave in Rochelle.

The property is in the process of being sold and it

was discovered there is an alley platted in the middle of an existing structure on that property. City staff conducted an "exhaustive search" of the public record, but could not locate any recorded documents, which reflect that the alley was previously vacated.

City staff believe that based upon the location of the existing building at the aforementioned address, the alley was or should've been vacated when the existing building was constructed. The alley is currently and has, for many decades, has been treated

as part of 507 W. 2nd Ave. and as a result, staff believed that vacating the alley was a formality to document a prior vacation.

### Proclamation

Bearrows read a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11. The proclamation was accepted by multiple area veterans organizations.

"On behalf of all the veterans, we graciously accept this proclamation," Chuck Roberts of the American Legion said. "We appreciate the city for recognizing veterans on Veterans Day."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### (Esther) Colleen Johnson

(Esther) Colleen Johnson, 79, formerly of Malta, ran into the arms of Jesus on Nov. 5 after a long illness. She was born in Southeast Missouri on Sept. 16, 1943, to Luther and Dell Swiney Brown.

Her love affair with Jesus began April 23, 1962, when she accepted Him as her personal Savior and continues today. In 1962 she met Bobby Johnson and fell in love with him for his kind spirit and the way he treated her like a princess. They married on Sept. 23, 1963 and were married for 50 beautiful years. Together they had two children, Kim and Scott, who they adored. In 1986 she discovered the love of being a Nana and went on to have five wonderful grandchildren. Kim and Jeff had three boys Jacob, Chris, and Tyler. Scott and Terri had one boy Chad, and one girl, Sarah.

She loved all of them so very much and enriched their lives beyond measure. Because she was her only granddaughter, she doted on Sarah and loved every moment spent with her. The entire neighborhood loved her as she babysat,

not only her own grandchildren, but many of the neighborhood children as well. She and Bob owned their own janitorial service and for many years cleaned the Malta Post Office, Resource Bank and Bethany Animal Hospital. Colleen loved family time and was known to be the biggest kid of all.

She was determined to never grow up and become 'old' to her grandchildren. This was evidenced when her grandson had a chocolate syrup slip and slide for his high school graduation party where she proudly took her place down the slide covered in chocolate syrup and laughing hysterically. She loved children and taught children's church and Sunday school at the First Baptist Church of Creston for many years, touching young lives and changing them forever.

She leaves behind one daughter, Kimberly (Jeff) Smith of Port Saint Lucie, Florida and one son, Gregory Scott (Terri) Johnson of Kingston, Illinois, five grandchildren, Jacob, Christopher, Tyler Smith of Port Saint Lucie, Florida,



Chad (Lindsay) Batorski of Lodi, Wisconsin, Sarah Johnson of DeKalb and one great grandchild, Raelin Batorski of Lodi, Wisconsin and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by one sister, Shirley (Kenneth) Montavon of DeKalb. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bobby Johnson, five sisters, Jean, Lezona, Suetta, Mary, Fleta Jo, and one brother Calvin.

A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle. Public visitation begins at 9 a.m. with a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. with Reverend Steve Johnson officiating.

Burial will follow at Trinity Memory Gardens. Please visit [www.ung-erhorner.com](http://www.ung-erhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Sandra K. Meadows

**JONESBORO, Ark.** — Sandra K. Meadows, 72, of Jonesboro, Arkansas, passed from this life Thursday, Nov. 3 at the St. Bernards Medical Center in Jonesboro.

Born in Manila, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Alleta Butler Priest and was a 1968 graduate of Manila High School. Following high school, Sandra received a bachelor of science in education with an endorsement for special education from Arkansas State University in 1972. Later that year, she married her husband, Richard, on Dec. 26, 1972.

Sandra taught in the Manila Public School System before she and Richard moved to northern Illinois

where they lived for over 30 years. She had been a Jonesboro resident for the past 16 years. Sandra was an avid reader, homemaker, beloved mother and grandmother and devoted wife. In addition to her parents, Sandra was preceded in death by her daughter, Shawna Meadows. She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Richard Meadows of Jonesboro, Arkansas; one daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Heath Hendren of Springfield, Illinois and two granddaughters: Harper Hendren and Haddie Hendren.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 in the Howard Funeral Service Chapel at Leach-



ville, Arkansas with Rev. Jason Sutfin officiating. The family will receive visitors from 12:30 p.m. until service time at the Howard Funeral Service Chapel at Leachville.

Burial will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle with Pastor Doug Forsberg officiating.

Visit [www.ung-erhorner.com](http://www.ung-erhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Rochelle Police Department

### Officers make several arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On Nov. 1 at 1:52 p.m. Tara D. Johnson, 34, of Rochelle was arrested for retail theft. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Dec. 9 Ogle County court date.

On Nov. 1 at 7:32 p.m. Jason Davis, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Nov. 1 at 10:11 p.m. Logan C. Cottrell, 33, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to land and transferred.

On Nov. 2 at 10:06 p.m. Tamara Velazquez, 21, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 3 at 6:21 p.m. Deion Commack, 26, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to land

and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Dec. 9 Ogle County court date.

On Nov. 5 at 8:43 p.m. Brandon McPherson, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Nov. 5 at 2:33 p.m. Thomas M. Robertson, 23, of Janesville was cited for no valid registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 6 at 1:07 p.m. Blanca E. Silva, 53, of Rochelle was cited for operating a vehicle with expired registration. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 6 at 10:42 p.m. Daniel Garcia, 33, of Rochelle was cited for

operating an uninsured vehicle. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Dec. 16 Rochelle court date.

On Nov. 7 at 11:10 a.m. Jason L. Guzman, 29 of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery, fleeing to elude and cited for disobeying a traffic control device and transferred. A 12:34 p.m. incident the same day also lists that Guzman was arrested on two outstanding Racine County (Wisconsin) warrants and transferred.

On Nov. 8 at 12:08 a.m. Deion Commack, 26, of Rochelle was arrested on two counts of retail theft and an Ogle County failure to appear warrant for resisting.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

## Ogle County Sheriff's Department

### Deputies respond to personal injury two-vehicle accident

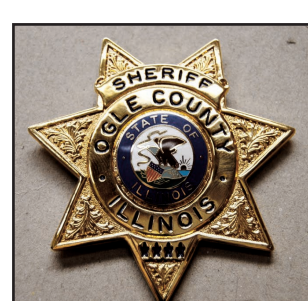
**OREGON** — On Nov. 2 at approximately 11:43 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on East Illinois Route 38 near the intersection of Interstate 39. After investigation, deputies arrested Anton Baker, 36, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Baker was also issued citations for suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding 21-25 over the speed limit. Baker was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 11:40 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 3,000 block of South Daysville Road. After investigation, deputies placed Geoffrey Connell, 70, of Byron, under arrest for aggravated driving while license revoked (class four felony) and driving while license revoked. Connell was additionally issued a citation for improper

lane usage. Connell was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in the presence of a judge.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 8:15 a.m. deputies and Oregon Fire/EMS were dispatched to the intersection of Illinois Route 64 and Meridian Road in reference to a personal injury accident involving a semi and a truck. Upon arrival deputies learned a black Chevrolet S10 pickup, driven by a 16-year-old female juvenile, was traveling eastbound on Illinois Route 64 when it began to turn northbound at the intersection directly in front of a white Mack semi truck driven by Heenan Thier, 47, of Amboy, which was traveling westbound on Illinois Route 64. The semi truck then struck the Chevrolet on the front passenger side, causing the Chevrolet to travel into the south side ditch before coming to rest. The semi truck also sustained disabling front end damage in the crash. The juvenile was transported to Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford and was later transported to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago for serious injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On Nov. 2 at approximately 7:53 p.m. deputies responded to a motorcycle accident in the 3,000 block of North River Road. An



investigation revealed that a northbound motorcycle, being driven by Jacob Violet, 40, of Byron, traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The motorcycle then struck several mailboxes and a garbage can before coming to a rest. Violet received serious injuries in the accident and was transported to Mercy Riverside Hospital. Violet was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Oregon Fire/EMS. The accident remains under investigation.

On Nov. 3 at approximately 11:52 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 38 and DeWitt Road. After an investigation, deputies placed Timothy Jefferson, 20, of Chicago, under arrest for driving while license suspended and suspended registration. Jefferson was released on I-bond for his citations and given a future court date.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## STRANG: Navy veteran reflects on honor flight in D.C.

From page 1

"It was interesting to read the letters and see what different people wrote. It was very moving to read what some people said. For people who didn't personally know me to do that, it was really touching. It took us an hour and a half to read them. And when we got off the plane it took an hour to walk through the line with all the people there waiting for us. I would say that was the best part."

When Strang came back from his service during the Vietnam era, service members weren't allowed to wear their uniforms at airports due to negative feelings towards the war. He never saw any issues with that, but does recall being in Long Beach, California after returning and being taken by boat back to base because the streets weren't safe to walk.

The response upon returning from the honor flight was a far cry from that.

"It was very moving,

especially when you returned," Strang said. "You weren't expecting to have a couple thousand people there. It was just unbelievable. The whole thing was wonderful to see and do."

Wendy remarked at the 21-hour trip that honor flights consist of. She believes every veteran should take the trip if given the chance. She enjoyed being able to share the experience with her father.

"The biggest thing to me was what happened when they came home," Wendy said. "It was very overwhelming for all of them I think. There's all these people there to welcome them and thank them and they bring signs. It was a couple thousand people. The veterans were crying and they were emotional. It was just a big thing in general for me, being able to go with my dad."

Strang was greeted by his wife, Sally Sawicki, and sister, Christine Hawkins, upon his return to Peoria. They made a sign commemorating Strang's



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The trip was organized out of Peoria and the organization sends veterans to Washington DC on a one-day trip to see monuments and sights free of charge. 75 veterans were on Strang's trip. Strang mostly served in Guantanamo, Cuba during his service, along with stints in Chicago and California.

service, along with his father's and son's, to welcome him with.

The next day, the family

sat down and read the letters Strang received.

"They have people write cards and letters to the veter-

ans and give them to them," Sawicki said. "Family and friends write them and so do people from around

town and people that they don't even know. School kids wrote letters. It was tremendously moving."



### CAN Pork Chop Drive Thru took place Friday

On Friday, the Community Action Network Pork Chop Drive Thru took place at the Rochelle Firefighters' Hall. Proceeds from the event will benefit CAN's annual Christmas shopping trip. The Rochelle Fire Department and Rochelle Golden K were partners in the event.

## War memorial bricks to be engraved for fall 2022

ROCHELLE — Treasurer Lydia Roberts and President Chuck Roberts of the Rochelle Veterans War Memorial Association recently worked with Jeremy James from Moore Monuments to layout locations for bricks to be engraved at the Rochelle Veterans War Memorial in Lawnridge Cemetery this fall.

Each year, in the spring and fall, the brick engraver is called out to engrave bricks that had been ordered prior to the cut-off date. The brick locations are selected randomly to form a uniform distribution of the engraved bricks. In some instances an engraved brick is requested to be next to another brick and this is accommodated, when practical.

The brick installation process is as follows: The Rochelle Veterans War Memorial Association receives a check for \$75 and an order form with the name of the veteran, rank and time of service. The order information is transcribed to a .pdf and sent to the engraver for



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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making stencils. The stencil layouts are reviewed and approved by the War Memorial Association. The engraver places the stencils on various bricks at the memorial and sandblasts the verbiage for each brick in place. The engraver then applies the paint to highlight the engraved letters. There are 871 bricks currently engraved out of the 5,000 placed at the memorial. If a brick order was received prior to the cut-off date of Sept. 15, it is being

installed at this time. An updated alphabetical list of engraved bricks and their locations is posted at the directory sign at the north side of the memorial.

Brick order forms are available on the City of Rochelle website at <https://www.cityofrochelle.net/community-documents/3219-rochelle-veterans-war-memorial-rev007/file.html> and also may be picked up at the Rochelle VFW.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Crop marketing outlook event is Nov. 16

THE Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing outlook on the evening of Nov. 16 at the Days Inn in Rock Falls. “Managing 2023 Crop Margins” is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through this year into next. Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension farm management specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the farm & ag business management specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance. Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals. During the two hour program producers will examine the following topics: Supply demand

and crop price outlook, estimating crop costs, using your own budgets to derive breakeven and utilizing risk management tools. This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market, global and recent economic factors will be examined

and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations. Pre-registration is required. To register for the program call 815-732-2231 or email [cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net](mailto:cfb@ogle.comcastbiz.net). Program begins at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16.



Ron Kern

**IAA** Farm bureau members across Illinois now have access to a new way of promoting agriculture and ag education. The IAA Credit Union, an Illinois Farm Bureau affiliate, has introduced the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card. Members can now apply for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card and

show their support for ag education. Programs like the Ag In The Classroom will receive a direct support payment through the IAA Foundation each time you use your new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card. The card offers members no annual fee and no minimum finance charge. The new card offers competitive rates based upon credit approval and low transaction fees on cash advances. Members should contact the Ogle County Farm Bureau for IAA Credit Union application for the new Illinois Farm Bureau Visa card or contact the IAA Credit Union at 1-800-676-2541.

**Travel** We are excited to announce a new partnership and member discount

program with TravelSherlock. TravelSherlock allows members to compare hotel options around their chosen destination. The site also offers a group travel option, so keep that in mind and utilize that service for group needs you may have. Coming soon TravelSherlock will be adding cruises to their site, so stay tuned for updates on this fun addition! Go to [www.ILFBF.COM](http://www.ILFBF.COM) and enter the code MEMBER. Then start saving on your hotel travel needs. “My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.” -Phyllis Diller Ron Kern is the manager of the Ogle County Farm Bureau.

## Community foundations play crucial role in Prairie State

MOST Americans have a strong connection to our country, but our most tangible, visceral, and enduring attachments are to the communities in which we live. These are the places that we call home and that shape us from our earliest days to our final years. Community Foundations strengthen the social and economic fabric of our communities, blending the best features of skilled intelligence agencies and shrewd investment banks. They identify and respond to social and economic needs in our communities and marshal resources to address them. They make communities safer, more vibrant, and more productive. Community Foundations are public charities that are funded by scores of donors and governed by boards that reflect the com-

munities they serve. According to “Inside Philanthropy,” a news service that studies philanthropy, there are more than 800 Community Foundations in the United States. They vary substantially in size and scope, with some overseeing assets in the low six figures while others, such as the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, hold billions. Illinois has nearly three dozen Community Foundations sprinkled up and down the Prairie State. They can be found in Aurora, Bloomington, Centralia, Champaign, Charleston, Decatur, Dixon, Downers Grove, Edwardsville, Effingham, Galesburg, Joliet, Kankakee, Marion, Moline, Morton, Oak Park, Ottawa, Paris, Peoria, Rochelle, Springfield, Sycamore and other communities. Community Foundations are funded by individu-

als, families, businesses, and government grants. They accept contributions of cash, stocks, bonds, and real property such as farmland. “Community Foundations are important vehicles for philanthropy,” says Joshua Gibb, president of the Galesburg Community Foundation. “Illinois is fortunate to have a Community Foundation that serves every county and citizen in the state.” Amanda Standerfer, executive director of the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, says community foundations “serve an important role in helping donors live out their philanthropic interests in a community. Everyone has the capacity to be philanthropic—whether that’s \$10 or \$100,000.

Every dollar makes a difference and community foundations are the trusted organization in every community in Illinois that ensures those donations support the causes donors care about.” Standerfer says community foundations often manage endowments for educational scholarships, causes such as arts programs or social issues, and specific organizations such as the public library. “The community foundations throughout Illinois are the best organization to connect donors and causes that will make a difference. Community foundations compound the impact by pooling donor resources and directing it to address community needs,” she says. Byram Fager, president



John T. Shaw

of the Southern Illinois Community Foundation, argues that community foundations advocate, educate, and invest. “Community foundations play an important role as a community champion and an independent voice that can speak to the needs of the community. As a community foundation leader, I often spend as much time speaking about community needs and all of the nonprofits that are working to provide services, as I do speaking about the services of the community foundation,” he says. Last year, Illinois’ community foundations teamed up with Forefront, a statewide advocacy group for the social impact sector, to commission a “Transfer of Wealth” study. The study shows that the current household net worth in Illinois is valued at more than \$3.5 trillion and that about

\$435 billion will transfer from one generation to the next by 2030. Community foundations want to direct some of this wealth to transform their communities. “The Transfer of Wealth Study shows that there are considerable resources in our state. There is significant wealth—and opportunities for philanthropy—in all parts of Illinois,” says Gibb of the Galesburg Community Foundation. John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Shaw’s monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government. Editor’s Note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author’s own.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thankful for local support on Candy Day

DEAR editor, The Rochelle Lions Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Candy Day. A special thanks to the

following businesses that so generously contributed to our cause: Rochelle Foods, Holcomb State Bank, First State Bank, Stillman Bank, Dr. Abe Anderson – Malta Family Dentistry, C&S

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Funeral Home, Graber Insurance, Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware, R&P and the City of Rochelle. Funds received from our campaign are utilized to help Rochelle area residents, especially stu-

dents, receive much needed vision and hearing services to improve quality of life. Thank you again for your support. Kevin K. Zilm Rochelle Lions Club

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# COMMUNITY



**Rochelle Rotary Club inducts Hardin**  
At its meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle Rotary Club inducted Executive Director for the Foundation for Focus House Jeni Hardin as its newest member.

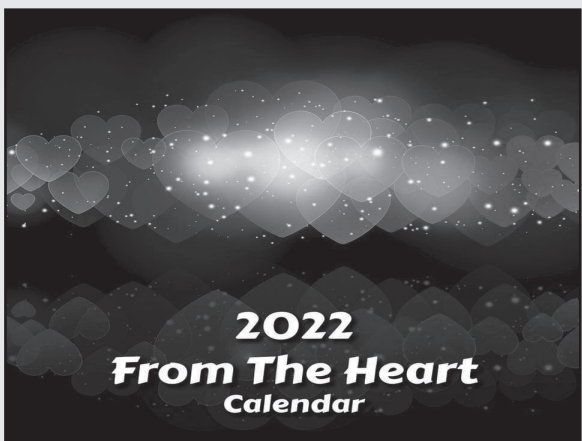
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November 6 – (Sunday Brunch) – Serving Time Changed to 9 to 12 – Country Ham (brought back from Tennessee), or Fried Bologna, Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Eggs (Scrambled or Fried), Fried Apples, Grits  
November 1 – (Tuesday) – Pork Chops (Boneless), Peas, Corn, Rice Pilaf  
November 3 – (Thursday) – Beef Stroganoff, Peas, Dinner Rolls  
November 8 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli, Salad, Garlic Bread  
November 10 – (Thursday) – Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread  
November 15 – (Tuesday) – Thanksgiving Dinner – Sliced Turkey or Ham, Sausage Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Pea Salad, Dinner Rolls  
November 17 – (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Dinner - Pork Roast or Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Stuffing, Corn, Roasted Cauliflower and Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Pea Salad  
November 18 – (Friday) – NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DUE TO THANKSGIVING  
November 22 – (Tuesday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
November 24 – (Thursday) – CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVINGS  
November 29 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Wraps with Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Ranch  
December 4 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Oatmeal, Meat Skillets over Diced Potatoes  
KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries  
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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>Nov. 9</b> Jon Bieck	<b>Nov. 14</b> Jaelyn Sullivan	<b>Nov. 23</b> Seth House
<b>Nov. 10</b> Olivia Powell	Emma Slack	Kevin & Katie Sherburne (anniversary)
<b>Nov. 11</b> Steven Huffstatler	<b>Nov. 17</b> Tim South	Carolyn Bieck
Laiklyn South	Michael Ramsey	<b>Nov. 24</b> Brenda Jones
Makayla Dorrill	<b>Nov. 18</b> Ethan Huff	<b>Nov. 27</b> Makayla Ludwig
<b>Nov. 12</b> Bo Sexton	Jenna Jackson	<b>Nov. 29</b> Sam South
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	<b>Nov. 22</b> Tim Dougherty	

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



- 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
- Nov. 7 - Jacob Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
- Nov. 8 - Sharon Watkins, DeKalb, \$25
- Nov. 9 - Rachel Huff, Rochelle, \$25



## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Church seat  
4 Brit. record label  
7 Singer Guthrie  
8 Golf clubs  
10 Vault intersection  
11 Pig sounds  
13 Good thing with a down-side  
16 Utter  
17 Wear down  
18 Half of CIV  
19 Vivacity  
20 Prescriptions, for short  
21 "— were the days!"  
23 Expire  
25 Channel marker  
26 Animation frames  
27 Carte lead-in  
28 Blood line?  
30 Mimic  
33 Confusing statements  
36 Bit of buck-shot  
37 Makes a sweater  
38 Prolonged attack  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: J equals Y

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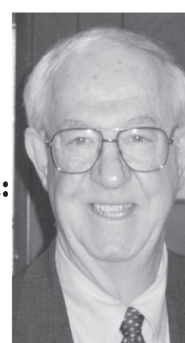
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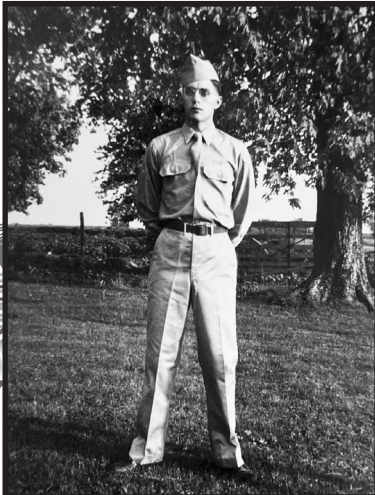
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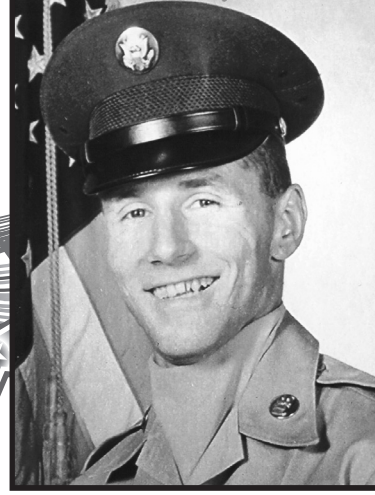
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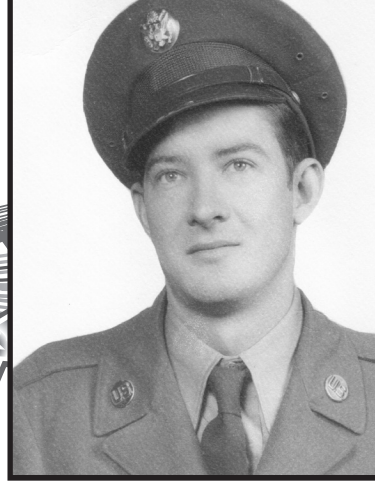
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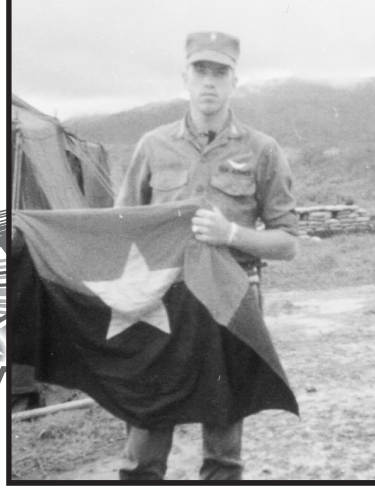
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**Carmela  
Bright**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Basketball*

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

*A: Six years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: I enjoy how the team eventually becomes a family through bonding.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English because I know I'll use it all of my life.*

**Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?**

*A: My dad because he still plays and he's 44 years old. He also*

*teaches me about the game.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?**

*A: My parents because they work so hard to provide everything.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: To be an aerospace engineer because I love math and science.*

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

*A: The community and the teachers. The teachers and most students treat others with kindness and respect.*



**Abby  
Bozinovich**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Basketball*

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

*A: Six years.*

**Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?**

*A: I enjoy meeting people and being able to help new players.*

**Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?**

*A: English because it comes easier to me and I enjoy reading.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?**

*A: My sister Haley because she helps me when I need it and she shows me how to*

*be a good player.*

**Q: What is your dream job and why?**

*A: I really want to work with children because I have always enjoyed working with them.*

**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Europe because there are a lot of cool things there.*

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

*A: I like all of the people here and how helpful they are, especially for the freshmen.*

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Wrestling

# Talented underclassmen headline returning athletes

## Rochelle opens season with triangular meet against Dixon, Burlington Central

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — “Iron sharpens iron” was the theme head coach Alphonso Bruno highlighted as the Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team held its first practice of the 2022-23 season on Monday.

Rochelle will return several varsity starters from last season, when the Hubs finished with a 19-7 overall record and a 6-1 dual-meet record in the Interstate 8 Conference. With over 50 student-athletes on the roster this season, Rochelle will look to blend its returning athletes with a large group of newcomers as the Hubs gear up for their season opener on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Rochelle will host a nonconference triangular meet against Dixon and Burlington Central.

“Seeing our numbers right now is really exciting as a head coach,” Bruno said. “The biggest challenge over the last few years has been getting kids into the room and getting them

excited about the sport. I think we’re going to have a lot of competition for varsity weight classes and we’re going to have kids competing against each other every day. I think that will help our kids stay focused and get better. I think we’re capable of bringing home a state trophy this season.”

Among Rochelle’s returning varsity wrestlers this winter are sophomore and IHSA state runner-up Xavier Villalobos as well as sophomore and state qualifier Grant Gensler. IHSA sectional qualifiers including juniors Tommy Tourdot and Brock Metzger as well as sophomores Kaiden Morris and Joseph Nadig are also returning to the varsity program this season. Notable newcomers include freshmen and IKWF state medalists Roman Villalobos and Brenden Voight.

“I think Tommy’s going to have a breakout season,” Bruno said. “He put in a lot of work during the spring freestyle and greco-roman wrestling season. Xavier’s a state finalist and we’re



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**Sophomore Joseph Nadig is one of several underclassmen with varsity experience returning for the Rochelle Hub wrestling team this season. Rochelle faces Dixon and Burlington Central at home on Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

excited to see how he grows into his weight class and Joseph worked really hard during the spring season as well. Grant, Brock and Kaiden are going to take steps to reach that next level.”

Sophomores Weylin Nay and Erich Metzger are two more wrestlers who could earn varsity roles this season. Rochelle will begin its conference slate with a home match against

Kaneland on Thursday, Dec. 1 before traveling for the Rockford East Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 3.

“We talked to our kids about being the best version of themselves when the

regional tournament comes around in February,” Bruno said. “Our best chance to make a postseason run is to win the regional and then wrestle well at the team sectional meet.”

## NIU Football

# Second-half rally falls short against Central Michigan

## Huskies force four turnovers despite 35-22 loss to Chippewas on Wednesday

**DEKALB**—After falling behind by three touchdowns in the first half, the Northern Illinois University Huskies rallied to within six in the fourth quarter, only to fall, 35-22, to Central Michigan on Wednesday night (Nov. 2) at Huskie Stadium.

Harrison Waylee (Johnston, Iowa/Urbana) rushed for 136 yards on 20 carries while true freshman Nevan Cremascoli (Winnetka, Ill./New Trier), making his collegiate debut, completed 13 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns. The Huskie defense forced four turnovers in the contest, three fumbles and an interception by Jordan White (Havre de Grace, Md./Havre de Grace/Youngstown State).

“It’s just not a good enough performance,” said

NIU head coach Thomas Hammock. “We have to be able to find some offense. We have to execute. We have to give ourselves a chance and we didn’t give ourselves a chance. We have to go back and figure out what we can do offensively.”

Trailing 21-0, the Huskies (2-7, 1-4 MAC) scored on their first drive of the second half. Cremascoli connected with Liam Soraghan (Dearborn, Mich./Divine Child) for an 11-yard touchdown pass to cut the Central Michigan lead to two scores. NIU went 80 yards in 11 plays with Cremascoli going 3-of-4 passing on the drive.

“Obviously that’s a true freshman out there for the first time,” said Hammock of Cremascoli. “There are a lot of things to clean up

and that was a good front that was coming after him. He will grow from this performance.”

Central Michigan (3-6, 2-3 MAC) answered with a touchdown late in the third quarter to regain its three-touchdown advantage. NIU appeared to have held the Chippewas to a long field goal attempt, but CMU faked the kick with Luke Elzinga finding Bryant Kieft for 20 yards and a first down. Two plays later, Jase Bauer scored from seven yards out to give the Chippewas a 28-7 lead with 36 seconds left in the third. Bauer scored a pair of touchdowns in the contest while rushing for 109 yards on 14 carries.

NIU needed just four plays to answer as Cremascoli found Tristen Tewes (Pleasant Plains, Ill./Pleasant Plains) for a 34-yard

touchdown pass. The Huskies went for two and converted as Shemar Thornton (Miami, Fla./Hallandale/FIU) got the ball on an end around and threw to Cremascoli for the two points, cutting the CMU lead to 13. Tewes had three catches for a game-high 70 yards in the contest, Thornton made a game-high five catches for 49 yards.

On its next possession, NIU’s Demond Taylor (East St. Louis, Ill./East St. Louis) forced a fumble by CMU’s Lew Nichols and defensive end Izayah Green-May (Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook/Wisconsin) scooped it up at the Huskie 43 and took it the distance down the sideline for a Huskie touchdown as NIU trimmed the Central

Michigan advantage to 28-22 with 11:31 to go.

After a defensive stop by the Huskies, NIU was pinned back on its own 1-yard line by the Central Michigan punt. Three plays later, Thomas Incom stripped Cremascoli in the end zone and Kyle Moretti fell on the football for the score to give the Chippewas a 35-22 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

Daniel Richardson was 13-of-22 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns for Central Michigan; Nichols rushed for 92 yards on 28 carries. Jaden Dolphin (Des Plaines, Ill./Maine West) recorded a game-high 15 tackles for the Huskies, C.J. Brown (Canton, Mich./Walled Lake Western) added 11 tackles, including five solo, and a forced fumble.

Central Michigan opened the scoring on its first drive of the contest. The Chippewas took over with a short field on the NIU 43 and, six plays later, Bauer scored from six yards out to give the visitors the early lead. CMU scored again on its second drive of the game, going 67 yards in seven plays, capped by a 23-yard touchdown pass from Richardson to Joel Wilson to give the Chippewas a 14-0 lead with under five minutes to play in the opening quarter.

The Chippewas added a third score midway through the second quarter. After taking over on downs at their own 41, Central Michigan needed just five plays to go 59 yards as Richardson connected with Tyson Davis for the 15-yard score as the visitors took a 21-0 lead.

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ASHTON — The Ashton American Legion Post 345 will host its annual Veterans Day service. The program will be held at the Mills Petrie building on Nov. 11 at 10:15 a.m.

This year's speaker will be Harrell Wiggins from Freeport. He is a member of the American Legion in Forreston, Post 308. He is a past commander of the Forreston post and current commander of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron. Harrell served in the Army during the Vietnam War (1971-1973) and was stationed in Korea for 13 months. He achieved the rank of E4 as a specialist with the Charerel Missile Unit. He is a retired electrician.



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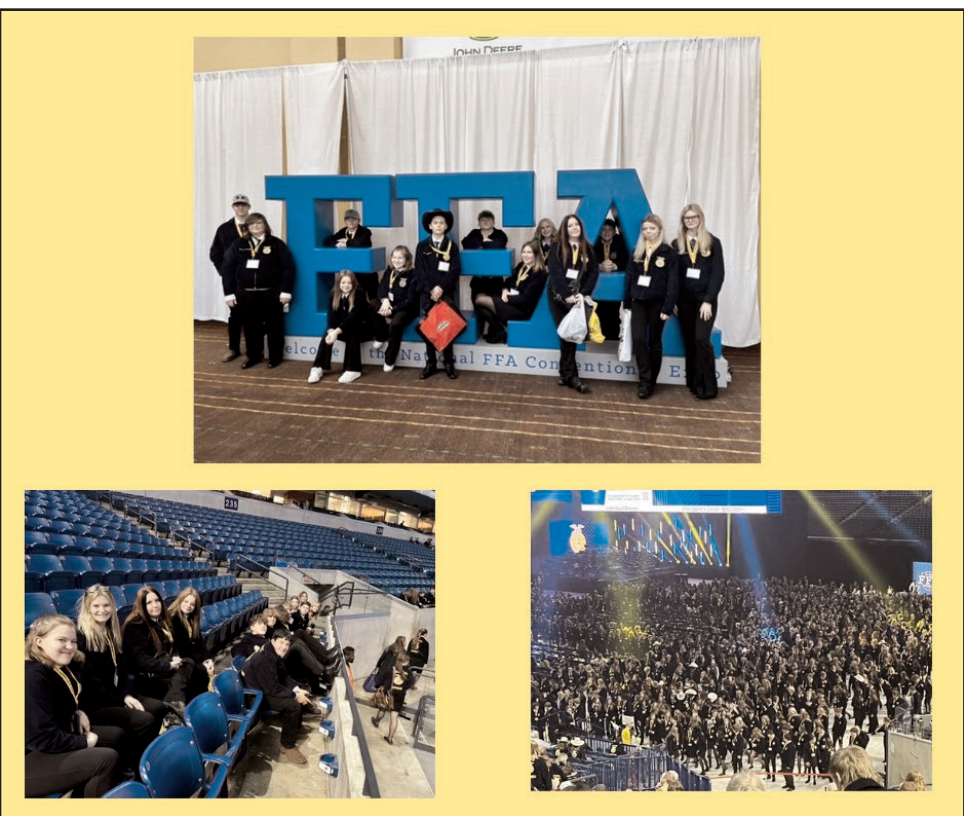
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# ASHTON NEWS



## 13 members of AFC FFA travel to Indianapolis

Thirteen members of the AFC FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis for the 95th National FFA Convention this past week. Members enjoyed sessions, workshops, tours, the rodeo and time together with chapter members.

## AFC student-athletes earn NUIC and I8FA honors

ASHTON — Ashton-Franklin Center High School saw several student-athletes in the fall season earn Northwest Upstate Illini Conference and Illinois 8-Man Football Association honors. Taylor Jahn was named to the NUIC South Division Honorable Mention All-Conference list. AFC also received the NUIC Sportsmanship Award this season.

Multiple AFC football players received All-Association North Division I honors including Carson Rueff (First Team - QB), Auden Polk (Second Team - RB), Logan Mershon (Honorable Mention - RB), Lane Koning (First Team - WR and Honorable Mention - DB), Zane Murphy (Second Team - WR and Second Team - DB) and Jordan Harris (Second Team - ILB and Second Team - K).



Carson Rueff

Carson Rueff was also named to the I8FA All-State Team and will be recognized during the I8FA State Championship game later this month.

## Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society hosting Nov. 14 program

DIXON — The Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society is hosting a program on the railroad history in our area and the Cherry Mine disaster on Monday, Nov. 14. The program by Mike McBride will start at 7 p.m. at the LCHGS office at 113 S. Hennepin Ave. in Dixon.

The LaSalle and Bureau County Railroad was one of the last of the steam-era short lines in the area before paved

roads. A short line was a railroad of a few miles in length that connected a town with the outside world via an interchange with a mainline railroad.

The LS&BC RR was built in the 1870s to connect a zinc mill in LaSalle with nearby mainline railroads. LaSalle, at that time, was the largest zinc mill in the country! The railroad survived after the mill closed by serving a few on-line industries via a bizarre series of

interchanges with five other railroads into the 1970s.

Prior to the Great Depression, some of the interchange traffic was from area mines. The program will look at the Cherry Mine.

There is no fee to attend and the public is welcome. There is ample parking nearby and the office is handicapped accessible. Please come join us. For further information, call 815-284-1134.

## Books By the Bushel grant applications available

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce that they are once again giving away Books by the Bushel grants to organizations in the county that can benefit from a bushel basket of agricultural-themed children's books. The books

are geared for children on a variety of ag topics which include: The Hundred Year Barn, Farmer George Plants a Nation, On the Farm, at the Market, and more.

Applications to apply for "Books by the Bushel" are available on the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation

website, [www.lcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfbfoundation.org). Applications are open to all organizations in Lee County.

For questions, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, (815) 857-3531 or [leecfb@comcast.net](mailto:leecfb@comcast.net). Completed applications are due by Feb. 1, 2023.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.

Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

**Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022**

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,111,503	108,600	48,205	52,313	33,198	0	21,737	249,988	21,381
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	113,372	0	0	8,389	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	139,417	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,364,292	108,600	48,205	60,702	33,198	0	21,737	249,988	21,381
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		1,165,276	129,143	82,188	36,706	41,589	0		169,224	135,710
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	15,000	0	0	0	(15,000)	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		1,154,630	128,178	(2,617)	157,538	139,134	0	40,124	203,105	125,230
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		1,353,646	107,635	(21,600)	181,534	130,743	0	46,861	283,869	10,901
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		1,372,908	107,635	(21,600)	181,534	130,743	0	46,861	283,869	10,901

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL				
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Comcast		6,308	
Common Goal		2,580	
Country Mutual Insurance		18,785	
Frontier		2,776	
Garry Adams		2,993	
Jodi Horn		12,000	
Midwest Bus		14,987	
Newkirk & Associates		6,500	
Newman		5,206	
Nicor Gas		13,028	
NI Disposal		2,765	
Preferred Meals		40,329	
Raynor Door Authority		7,658	
Robbins Schwartz		2,873	
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Rochelle Municipal Utilities		10,981	
SHI International		8,910	
Specialized Data Systems		4,400	
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TEM Environmental		6,276	
Village of Creston		4,654	
Xerox		6,512	

Legal No. 1106 (Nov. 9, 2022)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Rochelle Illinois will receive sealed bids for a project entitled Rochelle Railroad Park Gift Shop Improvements Project until 3:00 o'clock P.M. local time on the 9th day of December 2022, at the Rochelle City Hall located at 420 North 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068. Immediately following said time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the same address.  
The proposed work for which the City of Rochelle is soliciting bids

consists of, but is not limited to, the following: the removal of existing siding, soffits, gutters and downspouts the installation of new siding, sof-fits, gutters and downspouts, new doors, new windows, new toilet room finishes, and a new ramp along with other associated work.  
The Bid and Contract Documents, including Drawings, Specifications, Project Requirements and form of contract, are on file at the office of the Project Engineer, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 East 2nd Street,

Dixon, Illinois 61021 and at the Rochelle City Hall, 420 North 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068.  
Bid and Contract Documents may be obtained after November 11, 2022. Copies of the Bidding Documents shall be obtained electronically in PDF format from the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. website at www.WillettHofmann.com. Bidders shall click on "Bid Login" on the homepage of the website and follow instructions. The eBidDoc# (project number) is 8334357 for this project.

Contract Documents can be down-loaded in PDF format from the website by depositing Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) by credit card.  
A bid security in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the total base bid shall be submitted with each bid. Bids may be held by the City of Rochelle for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding the

Contract.  
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference has been set for November 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM at the Project Site located at 124 North 9th Street, Rochelle, Illinois 61068.  
Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and all Contractors must insure employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex

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The City of Rochelle, Illinois reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding and also reserves the right to reject any non-responsive bid and/or non-responsible bid.  
BY ORDER OF THE CITY

OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS No. 1107 (Nov. 9, 2022)  
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The Commissioners of the KYTE RIVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS will meet on Monday, November 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the offices of Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, 420 Fourth Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois, for the purpose of assessing the work to be done in the District for 2023 and to establish the amounts necessary to perform such work.  
No. 1108 (Nov. 9, 2022)

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# SPORTS



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Head coach Kyle Kissack receives a Gatorade ice water bath from members of the Rochelle Hub varsity football team after Friday evening's 34-22 win over Johnsburg in the second round of the IHSA 4A Playoffs. Rochelle will host Wheaton St. Francis in the quarterfinal round on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at RTHS.

## HUBS: Rochelle clinches first nine-win season since 2004

From page 1

Rochelle answered right before the half with a big 35-yard chunk play from Metzger before its defense added a huge fourth-down stop in the third period. The offense then went back to work, going 64 yards in 10 plays. A 12-yard scoring run by Trey Taft (12 carries, 89 yards) made it 28-16 with

2:51 to go in the third quarter.

Still, Johnsburg made one final push early in the fourth as a four-yard touchdown run by Jake Metzger pulled the Skyhawks within 28-22 with 6:52 to play. However, the ensuing onside kick failed, and Rochelle scored eight plays later on Garrett Gensler's second touchdown of the day to all but

lock up the contest.

Johnsburg's Bravieri was highly limited in the second half and finished only 16-of-27 for 180 yards after passing for 141 yards in the first half. Aidan Rodriguez and Tommy Tourdot each picked off passes for the Hubs while Brock Metzger had 12 tackles. Xavier Villalobos had two tackles for loss.

With the win, Rochelle

guaranteed this season will feature the most wins by a Hubs team in a single season since the 2004 squad won nine games. But as Kissack said, it's not about matching history, it's about making history.

"We have talked a lot to the kids this year about being history-makers, not history-takers," he said. "The history of Rochelle football and the tradition

of Rochelle football, it's long. There's a lot there. We've talked to the kids about don't take from past groups success. Make your own. It's been a focus of ours really since about Week four or five. And the kids have really leaned into the idea."

### Quarterfinals

The Rochelle Hub varsity football team will host

No. 3 seed Wheaton (St. Francis) in the quarterfinal round of the IHSA 4A Playoffs. The game will take place on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at Rochelle Township High School.

Wheaton (St. Francis) defeated No. 6 seed Evergreen Park 42-0 to reach the quarterfinal round. The Spartans shut out No. 14 seed Marengo 63-0.

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