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## RCH combating staffing shortage Hospital has 34 open positions across organization

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson said Oct. 14 that the hospital is still combating staffing shortage issues and currently has 34 open positions organization-wide.

Twelve of those openings are full-time, 11 of those positions are part-time and 11 are PRN, which is minimal, on-occasion work. Olson said RCH has been seeing staffing shortages for roughly 22 months.

"Between your full-time and your part-time, you're looking at 23 open positions, which is a lot for us," Olson said. "That is significantly better than it has been. I think at the worst time that we had through this process, I think we had upwards of 62 openings. We've got that down to 34 now, so that's the good news."

Hard-to-find positions right now for RCH include nursing, specifically in the emergency department, along with medical/surgical, lab positions and environmental services such



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as the housekeeping crew. RCH has tried to combat the staffing shortage by offering referral bonuses, sign-on bonuses and using staffing agencies.

RCH saw a surge in its need to fill positions after the first year of COVID-19 and Olson said the health industry has called that time "the great resignation."

"I think after that initial year, people either wanted to retire early or

they changed positions or careers," Olson said. "And we had people that went to work for staffing agencies to make significantly more money. Every hospital I can think of in this state is struggling with the same things. We have a lot of openings. It's a daily priority for us. We've put a lot of time and energy into it because it's so important. In the almost 40 years I've been in this business, I've never seen

it quite like this."

Olson said in the case of lab technicians, schools aren't graduating enough to back fill the personnel that are leaving the industry through retirement or career changes. The case is the same for the nursing profession. Other, more lucrative opportunities have come up for nurses such as traveling with a staffing agency for higher pay.

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## County board approves jail demo bid

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

OREGON — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Ogle County Board voted unanimously to approve a \$98,300 bid from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon to demolish the old Ogle County Jail. The county received seven other bids for the work.

The county board also unanimously approved the use of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for the demolition. Bids for the demolition work ranged up to \$432,500. The county recently moved its jail operations into the newly-constructed Ogle County Judicial Center.

Ogle County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel spoke at the meeting and has been working on the demolition project.

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## Headon's opens second satellite location Grand opening event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 29 in Rochelle

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 7, Headon's Fine Meats opened a second satellite location at Benny's Corner Market in Rochelle, Headon's Owner Mark Hibshman said. The longtime Creston shop also has a satellite location at the Benny's Corner Market in Davis Junction that opened earlier this year.

The Rochelle location will be stocked with fresh meat each day along with frozen meat products including brats, burgers and hot dogs. There will be deli items and local items like vinegar and oil will be sold as well. The space inside the Rochelle Benny's became available recently and Hibshman said he decided on the move due to the success of the Davis Junction location. Headon's products were previously sold at the Rochelle Benny's on a smaller scale.

"We started selling some of our products outside of the Creston store for the first time here," Hibshman said. "And



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then we opened the Davis Junction location in April or May and it's just been great out there. Especially out in that area, because there's really no meat markets out there. When this space became available, [Benny's Corner Market

Owner] Tim Hayden and I chatted it all through and decided it would be a good spot to open a little satellite store here."

Hibshman said the grab and go model has been a good compliment to the main Headon's shop in

Creston.

"When people come to the Creston shop, it's more like an adventure, you know?" Hibshman said. "They probably buy more things there. Since our hours in Creston are limited and we close at 5:30

p.m. and we're not open on Sundays and Mondays, these other locations give people the opportunity to come and get some chops or steaks or salads or cheeses after hours."

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On Wednesday, the City of Rochelle presented a \$5,000 check to A1 Hot Body Detailing Owners Lee Ann Gibson-Stinnett and Jordan Stinnett as part of its facade grant program.

## A1 Hot Body Detailing receives facade grant

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Wednesday, the City of Rochelle presented a \$5,000 check to A1 Hot Body Detailing Owners Lee Ann Gibson-Stinnett and Jordan Stinnett as part of its facade grant program. The program covers half the cost of any improvements made to business fronts in town with

a limit of \$5,000. The business at 401 2nd Ave. is the most recent recipient. Improvements included replacing brick around the garage doors, concrete in the parking lot, new doors, roof improvements and painting, Gibson-Stinnett said. A1 Hot Body is in its 18th year in business and bought the 401 2nd Ave. building recently to expand.

“It’s been good to see the improvements,” Stinnett said. “We’re still working on the inside. It’s good to see people still investing downtown. This building has been here for a long time.” Gibson-Stinnett said the new building and facade improvements have helped to bring in more customers. Stinnett said he’s enjoyed seeing improvements to other businesses and infra-

structure in the area. City Community Development Manager Michelle Pease thanked Mayor John Bearrows and the city council for the \$30,000 that’s allocated for the program each year. She called the facade grant program a “win-win for everybody.” “It’s a program that encourages local investment,” Bearrows said. “It’s a great program.”

## RTHS Veterans Day display will feature relatives of students

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School Advisor Charity Prose, the daughter of a Vietnam veteran, has organized an effort by National Honor Society members to reach out during study halls and grow a list of Veterans of the US Military who are related to current RTHS students. These veterans’ names will appear in a wall display for Veterans Day Nov. 11. The students and Veterans identified are invited to the RTHS Veterans Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Fri-

day, Nov. 11 in the RTHS Commons. For more than a decade, RTHS has hosted a Veterans Day Breakfast for all in the area who have served. This year’s speakers will be Principal Chris Lewis and Mayor John Bearrows. NHS members John Green and Owen Haas, whose grandfathers Jack Feldhaus and Bob Garland are veterans, are overseeing this project. The effort has already identified nearly 70 veterans and two seniors who have committed to the military.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The RTHS Music Boosters have asked the band and choir students to register online for this year’s Charleston Wrap fundraiser.

## RTHS music program begins Charleston Wrap fundraiser

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Members of the music boosters enhance the Rochelle Township High School music program in innumerable ways. During band camp, they assign and measure band members for their uniforms as well as provide water & snacks for hot, hungry teenagers. They coordinate meals for competition road trips, help with the annual madrigal dinner and concert season. Booster President Michele Lidren said, “Our music boosters are always thinking and always planning. Take this year’s gift wrap fundraiser. We have partnered with Charleston gift wrap company to provide dozens of strong, sturdy gift wrap styles. And to sell more wrapping paper, Charleston Wrap invites you to shop their gift shop stocked with more than 2,500 gifts for you to wrap.” The RTHS Music Boosters have asked the band and choir students to register online for this year’s Charleston Wrap fundraiser. Once the kids are signed up, they can share the link with you. When you purchase gift wrap or other gifts, you help the boosters

support the music program. Band Director Keaton Shumard said, “This online fundraiser appeals to the booster parents as well as the band members. Because they commit six days a week during marching band season, the students aren’t available to do the traditional door-to-door fundraising campaign.” Once registered, Hub marching band members will send email or text invitations to at least 10 contacts who can use the link to shop. And for every purchase made, the RTHS marching band receives a percentage. “Down the road, I would like to see the marching band host competitions at our beautiful facility as well as take some road trips,” Shumard said. “Companies like Charleston Wrap take a lot of the labor out of fundraising, while still helping us meet our goal – providing the students wonderful learning experiences.” This year’s fundraiser runs through Thursday, Oct. 27. Check out what Charleston Wrap has for sale. Click the link Shumard provided and get your holiday shopping finished and delivered to your home: <https://registercw.com/iD-ceQuchAc>



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# LOCAL NEWS



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(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

## HEADONS: Local meat store opens new location at Benny's

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Hibshman and his co-owner, his son Justin, purchased the Headon's business from Lyle Headon last year. They didn't expect the satellite location model to play a large role in the business like it has. They had concerns about taking business away from the Creston store, but realized the models work together well.

The Hibshmans have

found Saturday afternoons and Sundays to be busiest at the Davis Junction location, and that's when the main Creston shop is closed.

Hibshman called his business's relationship with Benny's Corner Market "great."

"It's good for both of our businesses," Hibshman said. "Tim feels the same as I do. We want to support each other as small businesses and being able

to be in a nice convenient store and be able to add our product to it is good for him and us. He does good business with people walking into those locations and we need exposure and the Headon's name can help here."

The Rochelle satellite location has a grand opening event planned on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We'll have hot dogs and pork chops and some

specials on steaks and frozen items," Hibshman said. "We'll probably do some brat sampling as well."

Hibshman said he believes the new grab and go locations are "definitely" helping the Headon's brand to reach more people. The Davis Junction store has brought in new customers to the Creston shop.

Benny's Corner Market in Rochelle will continue to sell Headon's products

like beef sticks as it did prior to the expansion. The menu of that shop will "constantly change" with the seasons. It will be stocked on the weekends and is even stocked twice a day on occasion.

Hibshman said he's appreciated the area's support during the expansions. They may not be the last for Headon's.

"As time goes on, we might expand out into other locations with the

same kind of grab and go model," Hibshman said. "It's been great to see the support from the community. It's fantastic. It's really great to see that people like supporting local businesses. And we appreciate it so much. We don't just take that for granted. There's so many big box stores and larger competition out there. It's great that they support us and can tell a quality product."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is beginning its 13th new home and third build in Rochelle. It has chosen a mom of four to be its newest homeowner.

## Habitat for Humanity holding groundbreaking ceremony

OGLE COUNTY — Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County is beginning its 13th new home and third build in Rochelle. It has chosen a mom of four to be its newest homeowner. The family is really excited to get busy on the new home. There will be an official groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. It will be on site at 110 S. 9th St. in Rochelle. The public is invited to come meet the family and see the progress.

Work on the site actually began in early October and Habitat is hoping to make significant progress as winter is upon us. It is seeking volunteer and donations to get the family into an affordable decent house by early summer.

If you want to help in anyway with construction, or lunches, or materials please contact Gail Tuttle at 815-494-2114 or email at ysp867@aol.com.

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## Museum event Sunday at Railfan Park

<b>ROCHELLE</b> — The Flagg Township Museum will be hosting "Hoboes... History's Homeless?" on	Sunday, Oct. 23 from 4-6 p.m. at The Ken Wise Railfan Park. There will be free beans and cornbread	when you bring canned goods or make a \$1 donation. S'more kids will be available for \$1.
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## November zoning board meeting canceled

<b>ROCHELLE</b> — The Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission will	not meet on Monday, Nov. 7 as regularly scheduled. The next Planning	and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

## Rogene Mae Fraley

**R**OGENE passed away on Oct. 12 at home in the care of her daughter and Advent Health Hospice. Rogene was born on Jan. 1, 1935, to Rosella (Sassaman) Hayes and Ralph Peter Hayes in Rochelle. She graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1953 and the same year was voted as May Queen of the school by her peers.

She married Francis Gene Fraley on Jan. 29, 1955. She stayed home and raised her two children, Clay and Sheryl, until Sheryl entered the second grade at Kings School, in 1967. She worked in the accounts payable department at Caron International Yarn Company in Rochelle until Caron International moved its operations to North Carolina in the 1990s. A member of the Kings Presbyterian Church, Rogene actively participated in many of the church activities such as ladies aid, Sunday school teacher and other committees.

She was very good at knitting and crocheting and made several items for church fundraising sales and for her children and grandchildren. She was baptized at the Union Park Christian Church in Orlando, Florida after moving there in 2014.

She was an avid sports fan following Sheryl to every sporting event she participated in at Rochelle Township High School from 1973 to 1977. She continued to enjoy watching Sheryl play golf in Florida and learned how to keep score for her too. Rogene was also a member

of the Oregon Senior Center in Oregon before moving to Florida.

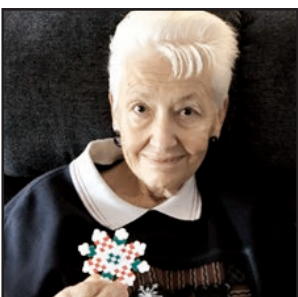
She performed with their line dancing group at local nursing homes and other senior living facilities for many years. At one time she knew over 50 different line dances. She earned her life membership in the ladies auxiliary to the VFW in Rochelle by volunteering at the bingo program and the funeral/wedding lunches at the VFW.

She also volunteered for the Kings Township street light committee by going door to door asking for donations to help pay for the streetlights in Kings. Rogene was also a Brownie, Girl Scout leader and den mother for the Boy Scouts for the children in the Kings community.

After moving to Orlando to be near her daughter, she became a member of the Renaissance Senior Center where Sheryl works as a site supervisor III. There she participated in a walking group, yoga, bingo and a needles and threads group where she continued to make knitted or crocheted items for premature babies.

She was a very giving person and a very good listener, and always had a kind word to say about everyone. All the neighborhood folks in Wedgefield, where she lived, wanted her to come and pull weeds in their yards, because they saw her outside everyday keeping her yard beautiful and weed free.

Preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, Dale Hayes and Lyle Hayes. Rogene is sur-



vived by her children, Clayton (Becky) Fraley (Kings) and Sheryl (Earl) Fleming (Orlando). Her grandchildren, Angie (Dave) Wissing, (Dubuque, Iowa) Valerie (Terry) Jones, (Ashton) Jamie Fleming (Kirsten), (Wisconsin) Earl (Kayla) Fleming III, (Davis Junction) and Nick (Brie) Sudbury, (Cincinnati, Ohio), 11 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation and funeral services will be held at Beverage Lyons Funeral Home, in Rochelle on Oct. 28 beginning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Tom Hensley, Union Park Christian Church, Orlando, presiding. A celebration of life luncheon will be held at the VFW in Rochelle following the funeral. Interment will be at White Rock Cemetery following the service.

A celebration of life will be held in Orlando at a later date for friends and family in Orlando.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the following organizations in memory/honor of Rogene Fraley. Advent Health Foundation of Central Florida (800 N Magnolia Ave., Suite 600 Orlando, FL 32803) or the ladies auxiliary to VFW Post 3878 (3184th Ave. Rochelle, IL 61068) Or if you wish please make checks out to either organization.

## Fred R. Erbes

**F**RED R. Erbes, 95, formerly of Monroe Center, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, Oct. 13. Fred was born July 25, 1927 in Lee County, the son of Fred and Gail (Stevens) Erbes. On Aug. 28, 1948, Fred married Martha L. Alverson in Bloomington, Illinois.

Fred is survived by his daughter, Lynn Nybo; his son, John (Julie) Erbes; granddaughter, Kate; great granddaughters: Aislinn and Greer; grandsons: Andrew, his fiancé, Christie, her daughters,

Lydia and Marcella and Aaron (Elizabeth), great grandsons: Edison and Shepherd; sister-in-law, Luella; niece, Luann and nephews: Mark and Scott. He was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Martha; brother, Robert and son-in-law, Gregg Nybo.

Cremation rites have been accorded by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. A memorial service will be held at Lindenwood Union Church, 101 Galena St., Lindenwood, on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. Burial is at Lindenwood Cemetery in Lindenwood. In lieu



of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lindenwood Union Church or Macular Degeneration Research, P.O. Box 1952, Clarksburg, MD, 20891-1952 or online at brightfocus.org/mdrmatch.

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### Rochelle Police Report

## Officers make several arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 19 at midnight a 16-year-old male juvenile of Rockford was cited for speeding 25 m.p.h. over the limit. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Nov. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 19 at 7:26

p.m. Joshua Nance, 40, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery, aggravated battery and violation of bond conditions and transferred.

On Oct. 20 at 10:34 a.m. Kimberly D. Crisp, 56, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding

Lee County warrant and transferred.

On Oct. 20 at 11:43 a.m. Robert. J. Hay, 88, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### Ogle County Sheriff's Report

## Deputies conduct traffic stops

**OREGON** — On Oct. 20 at approximately 6:38 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 38 and Dement Road in Rochelle. After investigation, deputies arrested Lee Komadina, 48, of Rochelle for no valid driver's license. Komadina was also issued with a citation for expired registration. Komadina was given an I-Bond with a return court date later next month and released on scene.

On Oct. 20 at approximately 7 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Kings Road just south of Illinois Route 64. After

an investigation, deputies arrested Kent Hull, 61, of Kings for driving while license revoked. Hull was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. Hull's vehicle was towed due to the incident.

On Oct. 20 at approximately 4:53 a.m. deputies responded to the area of Illinois Route 26 near the intersection of West Grove Road for a welfare check reported by a passerby. The vehicle was reported to have been parked along the roadway with its lights on. After an investigation, Nicholas C. Marshall, 37, of Polo,

was placed under arrested for three counts of possession of a controlled substance, hydrocodone, crack/cocaine, psilocybin, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cannabis 10-30 grams, two counts of possession with the intent to deliver a controlled substance, possession with the intent to deliver methamphetamine and possession with the intent to deliver cannabis. Marshall was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

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**2022 is a special year for St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church.**

## St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrating 125th anniversary

**ROCHELLE** — 2022 is a special year for St. Paul Lutheran Church. It is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church. A 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee has been busy planning interesting activities to observe the special anniversary.

Throughout the year, there have been a variety of interesting, informative and inspirational events. Sunday, Oct. 30 will be a special day. The day will begin with a divine worship service at 9 a.m. with the President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Northern Illinois District Rev. Dr. Allan Buss, as the featured preacher.

There will be a guest organist, Nicholas Hansen. It will be followed by a catered lunch. It will be a day of celebration with faith, fellowship and fantastic food. Rev. Greg Hoffmann has served as the pastor of St. Paul since 2008.

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## RCH: CEO Olson discusses ongoing staffing shortage

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“That’s been very difficult for us,” Olson said. “With the area hospitals that surround us, we’re all vying for the same small pool of people. That’s the problem. There’s just not enough. And we’re all trying to get our share of that base. That makes it very difficult.”

There are staff members at RCH that are working more overtime hours due to the shortage, which can cause burnout and the hospital has had to be careful with scheduling, Olson said.

For the positions and shifts that RCH can’t fill, it brings in agency personnel.

“And they’re incredibly expensive,” Olson said. “So, that model in

my opinion is not sustainable. We can’t be going on for years and years paying at the level we’re paying now. And most hospitals can’t. I can’t tell you the number of stories I’ve read recently where because of the staffing crisis, hospitals are shutting departments down. We have found even with the Rockford hospitals where they’ll say they can’t take any more patients because they can’t staff the beds all the time. I would say the people that you have, you want to keep them. But you worry about the burn out that occurs with these folks working all these additional hours. And then there’s the cost to the organization.”

Olson said he hoped the staffing shortage would be resolved by now as

months have come and gone since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. He’s unsure of how the situation will play out, but open positions being down from a year ago have him feeling more positive.

The RCH CEO remarked that there are more nursing schools in the market now, but it takes time to get a nurse trained and graduated, just like with a lab technician or an ultrasound technician.

“People have to have the right credentials,” Olson said. “I don’t think this is going to go away right away. But we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. And that’s good for us. Because we’ve never dealt with this many openings. I



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**RCH CEO Gregg Olson said in the case of lab technicians, schools aren’t graduating enough to back fill the personnel that are leaving the industry through retirement or career changes. The case is the same for the nursing profession.**

don’t ever remember a day where we’ve seen anything like this. We were up to 62 openings. It was

overwhelming. I think we’ve hopefully gotten past that now and we’re on the downward trend. It

could be another year. It could be more than that. Hopefully it’s less than that. I just don’t know.”

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



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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## ‘Justice’ for a school shooter

THERE was no menace left in the school shooter who sat across from me in the prison visitor’s room. Clad in a blue chambray shirt and a tired expression, he told me about that fateful day in 1989 when he entered a daycare center in League City, Texas, and started shooting. A bullet ripped through the heart of a teacher who ran from him. She fell, midstride. Her hopes, dreams, aspirations ended as the blood puddled beneath her prone form. Youngsters screamed, hollered and ran every which way. Standing between them and the killer was another teacher holding a terrified 3-year-old, who clung to

a well-worn toy rabbit. A bullet ripped through the teacher’s breast, another through her hand and another punched through her body. Miraculously not a single shot hit the child. Even more remarkably, the woman lived. The killer turned and ran. Months later, he was caught in Louisiana. I sat in the front row of the courtroom, notebook in hand, as he was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Thirty years later, I found myself sitting across from him in a prison as he neared release. I found myself asking tough questions about forgiveness, retribution and justice. Should someone who kills ever walk free?

Looking into the murderer’s eyes I felt no fear. Any menace he once possessed was long gone. Looking at him, the only word that came to mind was: pathetic. What turned this preacher’s kid into a cold-hearted killer? I met his mother and sister at the trial. They were lovely people: kind and gentle to a fault. They begged jurors for leniency. (In Texas, jurors can determine punishment as well as whether someone is innocent or guilty.) Leaving the prison that day, I searched for a hint of justice. The closest I could come up with was: Twelve men and women chose this outcome. His life will end not in a death chamber or a

prison cell. He will die old, disgraced and free. Can a person who committed such evil ever be happy? I thought of that killer, Clyde “Buddy” Spence, this past week as a Florida jury spared the Parkland shooter from the death penalty. He killed 17 people and wounded another 17. But he gets to live. It doesn’t seem fair. Life seldom is. The scars he left will never heal. When I returned to Texas, I talked to the family members of the teacher killed. They are still hurting. I spoke with the teacher who was wounded three times. She has forgiven the man who harmed her. But the bullet wounds still mar

her flesh. And I’ve spoken to the child who the teacher held in her arms that fateful day. She is now a mother of three fine boys. She still has the toy rabbit discolored with her teacher’s blood. Her psyche bears worse stains. The shooting has become her earliest memory. Four years ago, I heard from that child survivor again. This time she was on social media frantically searching for her niece. I asked what happened and she said there was a gunman in the local high school and she didn’t know if she was safe. The niece survived but 10 students and teachers at Santa Fe, (Texas) High School were slain. Another 13 were wounded.

I learned of one of the worst school shootings in American history, from the survivor of the first school shooting I covered more than 30 years before. Strange. In the wake of the Santa Fe shooting, I’ve repeatedly traveled to Texas looking for answers. But after speaking with survivors and families of the slain, I only have more questions. Next month, I head for Uvalde, Texas, notebook in hand. Justice remains elusive. But someone needs to ask the question: Why do our children keep dying in classrooms and how do we stop it? *Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinoistimes.com.*

## Artifacts worth learning about

WE all are on a quest to function well in this world we live in. And a big part of our world is human-built with technology. Technology is the tools and machines, information, and knowledge that humans create to better control our lives. There’s something about being human that is always difficult, and so we continually strive to make life easier to live with technology. But in the process of improving our lives with technology, we simultaneously create more complex and intricate systems. And while we can improve our lives with technology, these systems always create more problems to solve. To cope with this conundrum we need an understanding of technology so we can make wise choices about it — both as individuals and as a society. And it’s good to understand technology because it will help us to make better sense of the world we live in. It is more fun to live in a world we understand rather than one that we don’t. Remember that technology has four main areas: communication, transportation, energy and finally, production. In this article we’ll take a closer look at production technology.

Production technology is all of the actions people take to create artifacts, which are the tools, machines, information, and knowledge people create to make our lives better. Humans have been creating artifacts from the very beginning of our existence. Whenever the first human picked up a stone, or a stick, or some other object they found in nature, and used it as a tool to acquire something that human wanted it was the start of production technology. Humans do production technology when we are “makers”, to use a modern term. Back then we all were on a constant search for food, water, shelter and safety so early humans learned to fashion more sophisticated tools by shaping items found in nature to make scrapers, hammers, bowls and clothing. Humans have been producing artifacts ever since. Don’t think that artifacts are just those things humans have made that are old. Like the artifacts we’ve all learned about from ancient cultures — chunks of pottery, or arrowheads, or jewelry beads — we make artifacts now as well. Are lives are surrounded by the artifacts of our time. Each human-built item in your home is an artifact. Your home is an artifact, as well as our cars and roads, and towns and cities, and farms and food. Think of all the artifacts we throw away each week into the landfill. 1,000 years from now when an archeologist digs up our waste pits they will find the artifacts that defined our lives today.

So, artifacts are the result of production technology and there are two ways we create artifacts: using manufacturing technology and construction technology. Manufacturing technology produces artifacts that are moved from the place they are produced. These types of artifacts are called, “products.” Products are designed to be portable from the location they are manufactured and once finished then rely on transportation technology to get to where they are needed. Think of a common product, like a pair of pants that is manufactured in a factory somewhere far away (or maybe nearby) and then shipped to where they will be sold and used, or an automobile that is built and shipped to a market either near or far away, or a bushel of soybeans that is harvested from a nearby field and trucked to a nearby ethanol plant. Of course lots of products stay in the same place for a long time after they reach a final destination, but overall their defining characteristic is that they are moved from the place of manufacture. Typically products are made in factories and are mass-produced to take advantage of the efficiency of an assembly line, interchangeable parts and skilled labor but many products are handmade one at a time. Construction on the other hand is the act of

producing artifacts that stay in the same place they are produced. These types of artifacts are called, “structures.” Structures are designed to be stationary, and they rely on transportation to deliver the products needed to create the structure. Think of a common structure like an electric utility pole that is constructed and rests in the ground for its entire life span, or a residential home that is constructed and rests on its lot for decades or hundreds of years, or railroad tracks that stretch for hundreds or thousands of miles. Of course there are manufactured structures that are moved after they are built and then constructed at their final destination, but overall the defining characteristic of a structure is that it is designed to stay in the same place it is constructed. Production technology has positive and negative impacts on our lives. Think of the artifacts that are absolutely critical to our survival — like our homes, our clothing, our food and water, and our energy, transportation, and communication technology systems. These artifacts enable us to survive in a natural environment that can be life-threatening otherwise. Other artifacts we could technically live without, but is nearly unimaginable. Could you get along without a television or internet, or your favorite books, or your cell phone? Each of

these has made tremendous positive impacts on our lives and we all have products that bring us happiness in various ways. We define who we are with artifacts like our cars, computers, branded clothing, and entertainment. Production technology has enormous positive impact on our standard of living — both by creating high quality artifacts but also by providing jobs for people who create and maintain them. Production technology also is responsible for negative impacts to us. No matter how we try, production technology always results in some sort of pollution, which is any undesired output from manufacturing or construction. Humans have always battled the responsibility of disposing our waste because we have learned that eventually our own waste can cause us serious harm and even death. Designing production systems that come close to or even just reduce pollution can be a difficult and/or expensive task typically needing even more technology. It’s important to realize that pollution caused by production includes the energy wasted in the process. If you have ever gone camping you quickly realize how much waste we humans have a tendency to produce and how much wood you need to find to keep the fire burning. Another negative reality surrounding the artifacts we produce is that they

must have maintenance and repair to continue to work properly. This can become an expensive and complex task as well. Anyone old enough to own a car knows this nagging fact. Artifacts also create safety issues to our health and life and we must be educated on their proper use. Many accidents such as vehicle crashes or home fires are caused by misuse or a product malfunction. Finally, the jobs created by manufacturing and construction can be dull, difficult or dirty. So, production technology — or manufacturing and construction — provide the artifacts of our technological world. It is both a fantastic human achievement which makes our lives easier and easier with each passing day, but it also creates more burden and additional negative consequences. Regardless, we need a better understanding of these production systems to help us lead the lives we desire and make good decision for ourselves and one another. Stay tuned to this column to learn more about production technology. *Kurt Wolter has studied and taught technology — including production, transportation, energy, and communication — for over 30 years. He enjoys trying to better understand technology and its past, present and future. He can be reached at technohistory100@gmail.com.*

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# COMMUNITY



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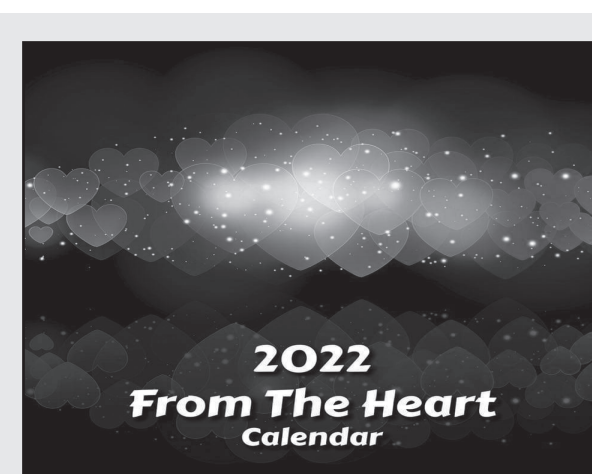
## Rochelle Lions receive Chevron Award

ROCHELLE — District 1D Governor, Lion Nicole Fruit presented three Rochelle Lions with The Chevron Award. This award is given for years of service as a Lion. Lion Kevin Chidley has 30 years, Lion Kevin Zilm has 15 years, Lion Tom Hill has 20 years and Lion Charlie Hubbard has 30 years.

From July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, more than 495 million people were helped by Lions Worldwide. This is an increase of more than 100 million people served over the previous year. Thanks to the unwavering commitment of the 1.4 million Lions around the world. Lions are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.

A special thank you to all of those who made our annual Candy Day a success.

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- Oct. 6 - Daniel L. Miller, Ashton, \$25
- Oct. 7 - Paul Erickson, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Erin M. Bergeson, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 9 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 10 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$250
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- Oct. 12 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 13 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Oct. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Oct. 15 - Jason Plumb, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 16 - BeKah Lewis, Amboy, \$50
- Oct. 17 - Kersta Baker, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 18 - Kalynn Norris, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 19 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
- Oct. 20 - Mikaela Comstock, Milton, \$25
- Oct. 21 - Larry Truckenbrod, Sublette, \$25
- Oct. 22 - Edna M. Miller, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 23 - Lance Charnock, Rochelle, \$50

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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- 1 Work unit
- 6 Duo plus one
- 10 Orangutans, e.g.
- 14 Plot out, as an equation
- 19 Desert refuge
- 20 In an obliging manner
- 22 Evoking an earlier style
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Rob of "Melrose Place"
- 26 Enticement
- 27 "— longa, vita brevis"
- 28 March Madness org.
- 29 — mama (rum cocktail)
- 30 Tarnish
- 32 Rd. with a number
- 33 Hormone released during childbirth
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 41 Signified
- 42 Valentine's Day feeling
- 43 Angle measure
- 44 History unit
- 45 Pretend
- 46 Particular printing
- 48 Lock go-with
- 49 Marina del —
- 51 Riddle, part 3
- 56 Considers to be
- 60 Like unripe bananas
- 61 Always, in poetry
- 62 Hugs, in letters
- 64 Airline of Israel
- 65 Pod fillers
- 66 Riddle, part 4
- 71 Delilah player
- 72 Hotel
- 73 History unit
- 74 Suffix with strict
- 75 Inedible type of orange
- 77 Coiled length of yarn
- 79 Riddle, part 5
- 85 Fleeced male
- 87 "The Walking Dead" airer
- 88 "Royals" singer
- 89 Anti votes
- 90 —Kosh B'gosh (kids' clothing brand)
- 93 1998-2008 Toyota model
- 96 Former Nintendo rival
- 97 Orlando theme park
- 99 End of the riddle
- 103 Lack of vigor
- 104 Suffix with beat
- 105 "— was saying ..."
- 106 "See ya!," British-style
- 107 Ernie's pal
- 109 Pierre's pal
- 111 Lariat part
- 115 Covered with vines
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 120 Nairobi's land
- 121 Prep schools
- 122 "The Magic Flute," e.g.
- 123 Provided with a border
- 124 Small equine
- 125 Film lioness
- 126 Dot in the sea
- 9 Like most sandals
- 10 Sainly glow
- 11 Court declaration
- 12 Yale Daily News staffer
- 13 Similarly defined wd.
- 14 Enlarged
- 15 Broadcast again
- 16 Briefcase variety
- 17 First-ever
- 18 Christian cry of praise
- 21 Stood up to
- 24 Wyatt at the O.K. Corral
- 29 To a large degree
- 31 Apparel
- 32 Totally absorbed
- 33 Outdated
- 34 VI doubled
- 35 PC support whiz, perhaps
- 36 "Drink" for a constantly critical sort
- 37 Alternatively
- 38 Fat-and-flour mixture
- 39 Utah city
- 40 Oscar winner Dunaway
- 41 See 82-Down
- 47 Have a hunch
- 48 "On the Road" novelist Jack
- 50 Cowboy cry
- 52 "Absolutely, sarge!"
- 53 Big retailer of outdoor gear
- 54 Hawaii's Mauna —
- 55 Hither's partner
- 57 Posh quality
- 58 Scooped over, perhaps
- 59 Devout
- 63 "Get Shorty" star Chris
- 65 "Masterpiece" network
- 67 Set — (brawls)
- 68 Game akin to crazy eights
- 69 Dot-com address
- 70 "Magnum, P.I." star Tom
- 76 Trapshooting targets, informally
- 78 Stereotypical working-class family man
- 80 Ace or deuce
- 81 "If — be so bold ..."
- 82 With 41-Down, lotus sitters' cushion
- 83 Asia's — Sea
- 84 "Spring ahead" hrs.
- 86 Ties down, as a boat
- 90 Resembling a hooting bird
- 91 Bundled, as wheat
- 92 High- — (snubbing)
- 94 Pull along
- 95 Khan who married Rita Hayworth
- 96 "I'm OK with it"
- 98 Comedian Erno
- 100 It might be given by a flirter
- 101 Way to serve ham or pastrami
- 102 Café au —
- 107 Wheat husk
- 108 Water whirl
- 109 City in Iowa
- 110 Plateau's kin
- 112 Law school newbie
- 113 Folklore giant
- 114 Exam for H.S. juniors
- 116 Brief snooze
- 117 —friendly
- 118 Fossil fuel
- 119 — polloi

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# LOCAL NEWS

## COUNTY: Board votes to support SAFE-T Act repeal

From page 1

He said he was pleased with the number of bids received and hopes the demolition will start in November.

"We're still working on some of the utility disconnects currently," Ciesiel said. That needs to be taken care of before demolition would start. Our hope is to get demolition completed before the end of the year. Paperwork and utility work must be done before we can get started."

Board members also heard an update from a representative from Stateline Solar on the installation of solar panels on top of the new Ogle County Judicial Center. Panel installation completion is slated for the end of October and the contractor is currently waiting on inverters to finish the project and some supply chain issues have been seen.

### SAFE-T

The county board voted 20-1 during the meeting to support the repeal of the SAFE-T Act.

Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle recently announced that they have filed a complaint against Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul in Ogle

County Circuit Court seeking to have the criminal justice reform SAFE-T Act declared unconstitutional.

The Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today Act passed in the early hours of Jan. 13, 2021. It abolishes cash bail beginning in Jan. 1, 2023, reforms police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expands detainee rights and requires body cameras at all departments by 2025. The legislation has been amended twice since its passing to accommodate concerns of law enforcement groups and changes have included moving effective dates back and use-of-force language.

VanVickle and Rock have been outspoken against the SAFE-T Act and outlined their concerns to the board on Tuesday.

"I think it's a great thing for our county to let the current governor know how this county feels," Rock said. "We filed a complaint asking for injunctive relief against the imposition of this act on our county. It's in litigation now. Hopefully they'll come to the table and talk about it. Because sheriffs and state's attorneys attempted to negotiate and were ignored."

Rock said the complaints against the act will see litigation on Nov. 22 in



Ogle County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel spoke at the recent Ogle County Board meeting and has been working on the demolition project for the old Ogle County Jail.

Kankakee County. He and VanVickle do not expect the issue to be resolved by the time the law takes effect Jan. 1, 2023.

VanVickle said 102 sheriffs in the state have made it known that they're against the act and Rock said 54 county state's attorneys are officially against the SAFE-T Act.

VanVickle serves as the immediate past president of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and has spent time testifying in Springfield regarding the act and said the ISA continues to work with the legislature on concerns about the SAFE-T Act.

"It's gotten to the point with the bail reform that there have been no meaningful changes," VanVickle said. "That deadline of Jan. 1 is quickly approaching and there's a lot of leg-work we have to do from

the law enforcement side of it such as implementation and policies."

### Human resources

The board voted 20-1 Tuesday to appoint Ashley Rippentrop as Ogle County human resource director. Her contract runs for three years and she will be paid \$75,000 in the first year. Her official hire date

is Oct. 31.

### ARPA

Outside of the jail demolition, the board approved a number of county ARPA funding resolutions including \$20,450 for the Village of Forreston for a village hall remodel and evidence storage. \$7,872 was authorized for the sheriff's office for AT&T routers for squad cars.

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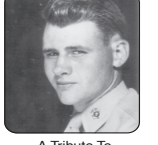




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# SPORTS



**FRESHMEN WIN FINALE**

The RTHS freshman football team won its final game of the season Monday night.

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RTHS Volleyball

# Rochelle wins season finale

Lady Hubs celebrate Senior Night with 25-23, 25-14 victory over Ottawa

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — All five seniors on the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team were on the floor for the final point of the team’s Senior Night match against Ottawa on Thursday evening.

With a home regional beginning next week, Rochelle closed out the regular season with a decisive two-set win over the Pirates, celebrating Senior Night with a 25-23, 25-14 victory. The Lady Hubs (17-14-3, 8-6 Interstate 8) recognized five senior athletes Thursday evening including Addie Friestad, Payton Hale, Isela Vasquez, Macy Ramos and Casandra Garcia.

“Our seniors have come to open gyms and put in work outside of the volleyball season throughout their four years with the program,” head coach Molly Sly said. “They attend camp and they participate in all of our league matches. They really set the standard for our younger players and they set a great example of how to lead. Each of them have shown great leadership and it was really fun to see all five of them out there to end the match. They all deserve it.”

Ottawa gained a slight lead midway through the first set, breaking a 10-10 draw with a 5-2 run to force

a Rochelle timeout. A series of kills from sophomore outside hitter Taelynn Rodeghero and an emphatic block from junior middle hitter Kennedy Adamski allowed the Lady Hubs to even the score, tying the match at 20-20 before the Pirates used their first timeout. Rodeghero led Rochelle with eight kills on Thursday, while Adamski added three kills with two blocks.

The Lady Hubs scored the final three points of the first set, with the senior libero Ramos recording an ace behind the service line before the senior outside hitter Friestad clinched the set win with one final kill shot. Rochelle commanded the second set from the start, opening the set on an 11-6 run with Garcia on the serve. Friestad totaled four kills and Ramos finished with five digs, while Garcia added two digs. Sophomore setter Ali Ohlinger compiled 19 assists.

“Our back row has received serves really well over our last few matches,” Sly said. “We needed that confidence booster going into the regional and it was nice to see our seniors get a lot of quality touches for us back there. They set the tone and everything else fell into place for us.”

Back-to-back blocks from Rodeghero and the senior middle hitter Hale,



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub volleyball team honored its five seniors before Thursday’s match against Ottawa. Above from left to right are Macy Ramos, Isela Vasquez, Addie Friestad, Payton Hale and Casandra Garcia.

who also had two kills and six digs on Thursday, extended Rochelle’s lead to 19-9 and forced Ottawa to burn its second timeout of the set. The Lady Hubs fittingly iced the Senior Night with on kill shots from Friestad and the senior defensive specialist Garcia, who moved up to the front line from her usual back row position and recorded her only kill of the match to the applause of teammates.

The Lady Hubs will host the IHSA 3A Rochelle Re-

gional, which begins next Monday with the quarter-final match before the No. 5 seed Rochelle faces the No. 4 seed Fenton in the semifinal round on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The winner will compete for the championship against either the No. 9 seed Freeport, the No. 6 seed Sycamore or the No. 1 seed Kaneland on Thursday.

“I’m excited for our match against Fenton,” Sly said. “I think our team is capable of beating every other team in our regional.

We need to dig deep when we lose momentum because volleyball is all about momentum. The fans bring momentum and our girls feed off of that. I’m excited to see the community support on Tuesday. Maintaining momentum will be the key for us.”

## Morris

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team went down to the wire against Morris on the road Tuesday evening, winning a lengthy

second set before falling just short in the third set of a 20-25, 30-28, 21-25 loss.

Sophomore Ali Ohlinger dished out 33 assists to lead the offense, while senior Addie Friestad and sophomore Taelynn Rodeghero each recorded 10 kills. Junior Kennedy Adamski and senior Payton Hale combined for 15 kills in the middle for the Lady Hubs.

Senior Macy Ramos led the defense with 18 digs, while senior Isela Vasquez totaled 15 digs in the match.

RTHS Golf

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



## Hub student-athletes earn RTHS, Interstate 8 Conference awards at season-ending banquet

The Rochelle Township High School golf team held its season-ending awards banquet Monday evening. Two athletes including David Wanner and Cale Workman (above left) received Interstate 8 Academic All-Conference recognition for their work in the classroom. Griffin Ohlinger was named the Most Valuable Player this season, while David Wanner (above right) took home the Most Improved Player honor. Rochelle finished with a 5-9 match record and a 2-5 conference match record.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



**Kyler  
Dickson**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Volleyball*

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

*A: I have been playing for two years.*

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

*A: I like the teamwork aspect of the sport. My teammates and I rely on each other.*

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

*A: Math because it's straight forward and there's one answer to every problem.*

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

*A: Michael Jordan because he never gave up.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My mom because she's hard working and she gives me the best in life even though she's been through a lot.*

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

*A: To be a lawyer because it's something I feel I can be good at.*

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

*A: Greece or Egypt because I love history and those places are full of history.*

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

*A: The opportunities and how the teachers always prepare me.*

**Emori  
Mickley**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Volleyball*



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

*A: I have been playing for two years.*

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

*A: I enjoy the way it's played and being with the girls.*

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

*A: Conditioning because I love being in the class and I enjoy being with the people around me.*

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

*A: My mom because she's always helping me become better and she*

*gives me a lot of advice. She also helps me be a better teammate.*

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

*A: To do something in sports or criminal justice because those things are what interest me most.*

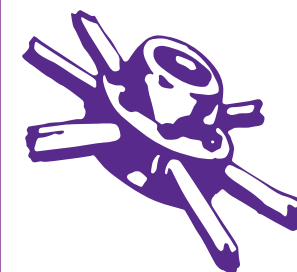
**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Greece because it's an amazing place and it would be fun to learn about all of the different things there.*

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

*A: The people and the coaches.*

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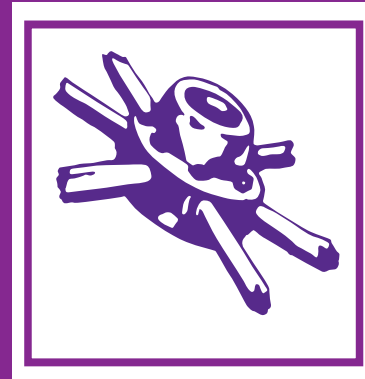
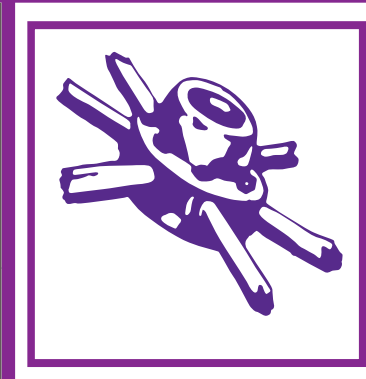
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# SPORTS

RTHS Boys Soccer



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The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team faced Kaneland in the IHSA 2A Regional Semifinals on Wednesday, falling 2-0 to finish the season with an 11-9 overall record. At left, senior Jarrett Milan clears the ball away from the Rochelle box. At right, senior Jace Whitehead takes the ball away from a Kaneland attacker.

## Hubs shut out in regional loss against Kaneland

Rochelle offense unable to break through as Knights secure 2-0 semifinal win

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**SYCAMORE** — The third time wasn’t the charm for the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team during Wednesday’s IHSA 2A Sycamore Regional semifinal matchup against the Kaneland Knights.

After conceding two one-goal losses to Kaneland during the regular season, Rochelle kicked off the regional looking for revenge against its Interstate 8 Con-

ference rival. Despite multiple shots on goal during the second half, the sixth-seeded Hubs were unable to break through, with the third-seeded Knights scoring early and late to shut out Rochelle 2-0 and advance to the regional finals. The Hubs finished their season with an 11-9 record and a 5-2 record in the Interstate 8.

“It was unfortunate that we didn’t get anything in the goal today,” head coach Brad Male said. “I thought we possessed the ball well.

We just weren’t able to capitalize on any of our opportunities. We came out with much more aggression during the second half and I thought that allowed us to have more opportunities to score. We just couldn’t get one into the goal.”

Much like the two regular-season matchups, Kaneland scored the first goal in the regional semifinal contest, using a through ball down the Rochelle sideline and capitalizing on a defensive breakdown by the

Hubs to take a 1-0 lead in the fourth minute. Rochelle held Kaneland at bay for the rest of the half, with senior defender Christian Harding clearing away several balls and senior goalkeeper Jarrett Milan making four of his nine saves in the match.

“I thought we were aggressive on the back end,” Male said. “It was unfortunate that we weren’t able to clear that ball away late in the match. Christian did an exceptional job back there and I hope the kids who

will be back next season continue to build on what they did this season.”

Rochelle nearly found the equalizer in the 50th minute, when sophomore forward Alberto Casillas blasted a shot on goal that bounced off the crossbar and over the Kaneland net. The Hubs recorded five of their seven shots on goal during the second half, but the Knights proved too strong on the defensive end, forcing Rochelle into long-range shots for easy save chances.

With both teams scrambling to finish strong, Kaneland iced its win during the 78th minute, taking advantage of a failed clearance in the Rochelle box and rolling a second goal into the Hub net. The Knights outshot Rochelle 15-11 while outpacing the Hubs 5-1 in corner kicks. Sophomore defender Bryan Garcia finished with a team-high three shots on goal, while Casillas and junior forward Diego Salazar each added two shots on goal.

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