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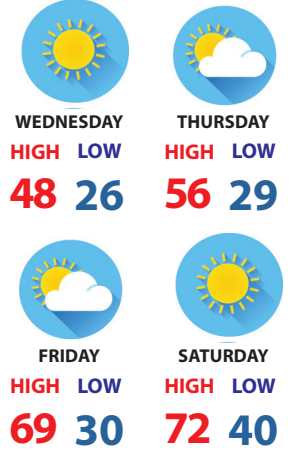
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Members of the Rochelle Lions Club were presented with the Chevron Award.  
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## Marina decking project underway

### Winter programs slated for the REC Center

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District Board of Commissioners heard an update from Park District Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger on the decking project at Spring Lake Marina.

Staff worked on demolition of the old decking Monday and materials for the new decking will arrive Wednesday morning.

“The removal has been going pretty fast and today almost all of it was taken off,” Ohlinger said. “We’re just waiting for the dumpster to be emptied and we’ll start again.”

At its last meeting, the board unanimously approved a bid from RP Lumber to provide materials for new decking in the amount of \$29,872.

The project will include the complete replacement of the decking at the marina to match recent work at Spring Lake Pool. The work is planned to last into November. The RP Lumber bid was chosen to make sure the project could be done within the



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current fiscal year.

### Recreation

Ohlinger said the park district recently put out its winter brochure guide and detailed a number of programs planned for The REC Center in the coming 3-4 months. That will include a girls REC basketball league, which recently kicked off.

“It’s been a quiet summer inside The REC as far as activities like that go,”

Ohlinger said. “It’s really exciting to see things start ramping up. The parking lot will be plenty full again with activities throughout the winter.”

A lot of The REC’s rental space slots for the winter have been getting reserved, Ohlinger said. The park district has seen “a lot of interest” in rental of space throughout the facility.

“We’re being very conscious of making sure that

we have available space for our members as well as providing those spaces for rentals,” Ohlinger said.

The park district limits rentals on days when it knows The REC will be heavily-used by members and the public.

### Winterization

Ohlinger said winterization work is ongoing at local parks and water fountains and bathroom facilities have been closed.



## Academic numbers presented

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Rochelle Township High School Board of Education heard a presentation by Assistant Principal David Perrin and Dean of Students Brett Zick on academic and climate and culture updates.

Perrin said the school’s four-year graduation rate is currently down and is currently 85 percent. Five years ago, that number was at 98 percent.

“We’re down this year,” Perrin said. “We saw this coming and expected it due to the pandemic and some of the attendance difficulties we had.”

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## Ajvazi in seventh year as telecommunicator

### ‘My coworkers have become a second family... work is enjoyable’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Police Department 911 Telecommunicator Senada Ajvazi is in her seventh year with the department and works B shift.

In her position, Ajvazi is responsible for dispatching police, fire, and medical along with taking 911 calls and managing multiple radio frequencies. Her education includes an associate’s degree in criminal justice from Kishwaukee College and she’s currently working on completing a bachelor’s degree in business administration this December from Southern New Hampshire University. In terms of training, she’s certified in LEADS, advanced law enforcement and fire dispatch, EMD, CPR and AED.

“I enjoy being able to help the community by working alongside a great group of people that truly care for the community,” Ajvazi said. “My coworkers have become a second family to me, and are also one of the many reasons



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why work is enjoyable.”

When she’s not at work, Ajvazi enjoys spending time with her family and her lab, Archie.

Ajvazi was inspired by her late grandfather to get into the law enforcement

profession. He served his community as a police officer in Macedonia before he was killed by an intoxicated driver on his way home while Ajvazi’s mother was young. RPD Det. Elvis Baneski, who is

Ajvazi’s cousin, followed in their grandfather’s footsteps as well.

“My plan was to start in dispatch and continue on to policing, however, I ended up loving this job more than I thought I would and

stayed,” Ajvazi said.

The 911 telecommunicator said she wants the community to know that RPD has hard-working and caring officers.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RCH creating comprehensive facility plan

Olson: ‘There could be some significant changes that come out of this plan’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson said Oct. 14 that the hospital is currently in the process of putting together a comprehensive facility plan for future improvements.

About nine months ago, RCH leadership decided to put projects on hold to make sure that future facility improvements worked with each other. The hospital has been in talks with four architectural firms for the plan and has three proposals it will soon consider. Once leadership decides on one, it will go before the hospital board for presentation and approval, Olson said. “Once that happens, then the firm we select would have until about the middle of February to actually put the plan together,” Olson said. “It will look at our total campus here and decide what changes we need to make and what the priority and sequence of the changes will be. This is going to be a multi-year plan. It could go out as long as 10 years. There could be some significant changes that come out of this plan.”

Olson said the comprehensive plan will look at engineering, architecture and departments and how they relate to each other. The February time frame is in place because it coincides with RCH’s budgeting process.

“So if there’s any proj-

ects that we want to do in the next fiscal year, we want to make sure there’s dollars put aside for those,” Olson said. “That’s where the timetable comes in. We hope to have a usable document in our hands by the middle of February. Taking it to the board for approval will start the process. Every project would be approved individually by the board. I think it’s going to be costly in total. I don’t have a dollar amount.”

The RCH campus has four different construction eras. The far north part is the original 1946 footprint of the location. RCH’s middle section is from about 1964. Next to that is a small clinic space added in the early 1990s. The last addition to the campus was the health & wellness center in 2016.

Olson said his sense is that the plan will assess improvements to the building’s older structures. He’s unsure if the 1964 portion of the building will be touched, but said RCH will “certainly” look at the 1946 portion.

“It is a maintenance challenge from a plumbing and electrical perspective,” Olson said. “It’s an old building. In a nutshell, that’s what we’re working on. We’re excited about it. We know there’s a lot of work to be done. We’re going to be very inclusive in the process. If we relocate or expand a department, the people that work in it will have quite a bit of say in how



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it’s going to look. We’ll get those folks involved every step of the way. We need that feedback.”

Most of the older parts of the RCH facility are for non-clinical staff including health information services, marketing, public relations, IT, purchasing and fiscal services. The north tip of the building is dedicated to rehab and physical therapy.

Olson said part of the facility upgrade plan is to improve the patient experience at RCH and to stay in step with changes and improvements in healthcare. “It’s always been a

priority here to be pretty aggressive about those things,” Olson said. “It’s been a priority here to have the best equipment we can afford. We know healthcare is expensive and being a patient is not easy. If we can lighten that load a bit and make it more efficient, we want to do that. We appreciate our patients and feel we have an obligation to the community to take care of our patients and want to do it the best way we can.”

RCH recently sold property that it had owned for 13 years at Illinois Route 251 and Twombly

Road that was once looked at as a potential site for a replacement hospital. Olson said RCH is committed to its current location for “a long, long time.”

Olson was not part of RCH’s administration when the Illinois Route 251 and Twombly Road property was purchased and he said a potential replacement hospital is “not the current thinking of” the current RCH board and administration.

“My first time here as a CEO I was here for eight years,” Olson said. “Nobody ever said anything to me about this being a

bad location. I’ve been back as CEO almost three years now, and nobody has said anything about the location. It’s in a neighborhood and we have ample parking now. I think the location works and has for many, many years. We’ve invested a lot of money in this campus. We just think this location works. People know where it is and don’t have a problem getting here. We’re going to keep this campus up to speed in terms of technology and the building itself. I just don’t think a replacement hospital is something we need to do.”



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## AJVAZI: Telecommunicator reflects on time with RPD

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She believes Rochelle’s residents are lucky to live in a small community where response times are quicker and individuals in need of assistance have the opportunity to get to know officers and build trust with them.

One memorable experience that Ajvazi has had on the job involved working an overnight shift during the winter when there’s usually little-to-no activity. She had a person call in late at night and they expressed that they were struggling with their mental health and needed

someone to talk to.

Because the phones weren’t busy, Ajvazi was able to sit and listen to the individual.

“I remember that person thanking me and saying that they felt so much better letting it out,” Ajvazi said. “Although I didn’t do much other than listen to them, I felt great knowing that I was able

to be there for someone in the middle of the night just by listening. That may have meant a lot to that person to be able to vent, but it also meant a lot to me knowing I was able to help someone at a low moment.”





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# LOCAL NEWS

## Kishwaukee College unveils updated strategic plan

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its updated strategic plan following a year-long process. The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted to approve the new plan at the October meeting.

“Updating the college strategic plan was a collaborative effort by our entire college community. It is reflective of where we are now as an institution and looks to the future on how we best serve our region going forward,” said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College.

Kish’s strategic plan was last updated in 2018. The college sought to revise the plan due to the changing landscape of higher education and the evolving needs of students and the community. John Newton and Associates helped facilitate the strategic planning process.



The new strategic plan provides updates to the college’s mission, vision and equity statements, as well as the college values and strategic initiatives. New to the strategic plan is a purpose statement, which guides an organization, telling the story of why Kishwaukee College exists. The purpose statement reads:

“Kishwaukee College: Helping you create the life you want.”

“As a community college, it is important we continue to listen to feedback from our stakeholders to inform our future decisions on how we can

best serve our students. The strategic plan provides us with a roadmap for the future direction of the college,” said Bob Johnson, board chair.

Kish leadership initially began gathering information and ideas about updating the strategic plan in August 2021 from Kish employees. Over the last year, Kish sought feedback from students, the community and the board of trustees. The input and data have been discussed and reviewed to craft the new strategic plan.

To view the new strategic plan in its entirety, visit [kish.edu/strategicplan](http://kish.edu/strategicplan).



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Using clever wordplay and a generous grant from the Rochelle Rotary Club, English teacher turned Library Media Specialist Ann Marie Jenkins hosted the school’s very first book tastings in her Starbucks Cafe.

## RTHS library launches new Starbucks Cafe

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Using clever wordplay and a generous grant from the Rochelle Rotary Club, English teacher turned Library Media Specialist Ann Marie Jenkins hosted the school’s very first book tastings in her Starbucks Cafe.

Via the Rotary, Jenkins was able to purchase dozens of titles that students in Danae White’s freshman reading classes browsed to grow their

personal libraries. With multiple copies of each title, Jenkins will host the giveaway four times before May.

Jenkins set up cafe tables in the library classroom atop black tablecloths. The books were identified by genre: horror & mystery, realistic fiction, comedy & romance, autobiography & historical fiction, mythology and fantasy and action & adventure.

Wearing a green and blue-striped apron, Jenkins greeted her guests,

explaining the source of her good fortune before inviting students to browse the various genre tables and select five books they would like to own.

As they chose, they answered questions about their choices: What did you notice about the cover? What did you learn from the back blurb? Read the first few pages. Did the author draw you in? If yes, how? If no, why not?

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### Next VCCT production begins on Oct. 21

Terry Camplain (left) and Curt Helgren rehearse a scene from ‘One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest.’ The Vince Carney Community Theatre show runs Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29. All shows start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 online at [vcct.rochelle.org](http://vcct.rochelle.org) or at the door the night of the show at the Lincoln Arts Center, 108 S. Main St.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Ogle County Sheriff's Report

### Deputies respond for welfare check on male subject

**OREGON** — On Oct. 14 at approximately 3:39 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Bethel Road. After investigation, deputies placed Anthony Beltran, 41, of Rockford under arrest for driving while license suspended. Beltran was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 14 at approximately 8:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 15,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies placed Carrie Cowley, 30, of Mt. Morris under arrest for driving while license suspended. Cowley was additionally issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Cowley was released on an I-Bond and given a future court date.

On Oct. 14 at approximately 8:20 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies placed David Mack, 34, of Rockford under arrest for driving while license revoked. Mack was additionally issued citations for speeding, no front registration and for an inoperable registration light. Mack was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

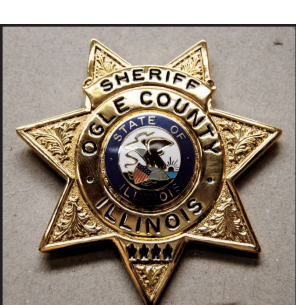
On Oct. 15 at approximately 12:25 a.m. deputies responded to 13939 E. Illinois Route 72 (Junction Corner Burgers) for a welfare check on a male subject, within the parking lot. After an investigation, deputies placed Anthony C. Nunez, 18, of Rockford, under arrest for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while license suspended and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Nunez was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an appearance before a judge. Additionally, Nunez was cited for improper transportation of alcohol.

On Oct. 15 at 2:45 a.m. deputies, along with Byron Police Department, were dispatched to a 911 hang up in the 7,000 block of North River Road. It was determined that a black 2008 Pontiac G6 driven by Sydney K. Kuelling, 22, of Forresteron was travelling southbound

on North River Road. Kuelling swerved to miss an animal in the roadway, and crashed into the west ditch. Kuelling was arrested for driving under the Influence of alcohol. Kuelling was additionally cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash. Kuelling was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 18 at approximately 1:38 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Mulford Road and Crill Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Dennis M. Ehmen, 60, of Monroe Center, for no valid driver's license. Ehmen was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Ehmen was also given a written warning from no splash guards.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



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## Rochelle Police Report

### Officers make arrests

**ROCHELLE** — On Oct. 17, Tanner M. Porter, 28, of Compton was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$300 and was released with a Nov. 4 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 17, Robert W.

Pearson, 54, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence. He posted \$100 and his driver's license and was given a Nov. 18 Rochelle court date.

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**Hardcastle presents at Oct. 12 Legion meeting**

The American Legion Post 403 held its Oct. 12 meeting at the Petro Truck Stop. Paul Hardcastle (junior vice-commander) gave a presentation on his service in the military. From left to right Steve Korth (adjutant), Eric Wells (finance officer), Gary Tarvestad (past commander), Chuck Roberts (senior vice-commander), Hardcastle, John Gruben (commander), and Tom Hill (sargent at arms).

If you are a veteran and wish to join Post 403, the first year membership is free.

## McKinley recognized for distinguished service

**COLLEGE STATION, Tex.** — William "Bill" McKinley has been recognized by the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Floral Designers, AIFD, with the organization's Award of Distinguished Service.

McKinley is an instructional associate professor and director and Endowed Chair of the Benz School of Floral Design in the Department of Horticultural Sciences of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Prior to his academic career at Texas A&M, McKinley taught floral design for 17 years at Kishwaukee College, where he later became the associate dean for career technologies.

The Award of Distinguished Service is given to longstanding members of the AIFD in recognition of extraordinary service to the Institute, including upholding its goals and supporting its activities. Recipients are known as "Fellows of AIFD" and are granted life membership in the organization.

McKinley has been a member of AIFD since

1991 and has served on its national board of directors. He also has held many positions with the organization at the regional and national level and was recognized in 2010 with the Award for Distinguished Service to the Floral Industry.

According to his award citation, McKinley has dedicated his time to strengthening the educational programs for which the Institute is well-known, creating online content and elevating the industry through his professionalism and collaborative spirit.

"To be honored for my passion for sharing the love of flowers, and seeing floral art come alive in others, is humbling," McKinley said.

Splitting his time between Benz School of Floral Design continuing education classes in the summer and academic curriculum during the regular semesters, McKinley teaches aspiring as well as professional floral designers. He is a frequent guest speaker and presenter at garden clubs, seminars and conventions. McKinley travels twice a year to Seoul, South Korea, to instruct

floral design teachers at the Benz School Korea and evaluate their students.

As a former member of AIFD's national board of directors, McKinley is currently the AIFD online education administrator and past chairman of its Certified Floral Designer program. He has also chaired the AIFD's National Education Committee, Educational Partners Committee and Student Membership Committee.

McKinley is the author of the Cut Flower Companion and co-author of the Shopkeeper. He co-authored Flowers: Creative Design, the primary textbook for the Benz School of Floral Design. He is also a contributing author and task force chairman for the new AIFD Guide to Floral Design introduced at the 2022 AIFD Symposium.

He is also an advisor to the student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers at Texas A&M University, a collegiate organization that affords students opportunities for experiential learning, both on campus and at national events.

## Fairview and Sunnymeade Drive intersection closed from Oct. 18-25

**ROCHELLE** — The intersection of Fairview Drive and Sunnymeade Drive will be closed beginning Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 a.m. through Oct. 25. The city's contractor Porter Bros. will be replacing drainage inlets and manholes. Sunnymeade Drive, from Fairview to Springdale, will be shut down to one lane of traffic until Nov. 1.

Work is expected to be substantially complete Nov. 1 and is subject to weather. Advance warning,

detour and other temporary traffic control devices will be posted near the affected area. Please use caution while traveling in this area and pay special attention to the advanced warning signage, road closed signage and other temporary traffic control devices within or in advance of the work zone. The city appreciates residents' patience.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RTHS: Enrollment numbers higher for 2022-23 school year

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“When this is reported through the Illinois State Board of Education on the school report card, this is also going to include five and six-year graduation rates. We’re hoping to net some of the rest of that 15 percent with those.”

Freshmen on track for graduation statistics are back to their pre-pandemic level, Perrin said. Two years ago those numbers fell to 74 percent on track, which Perrin called “historically way low.” Last year’s freshman students are 92 percent on track to graduate.

Perrin said at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021, student deficiencies spiked. Deficiency numbers are now in a “more normal range” at this point in the semester.

“We just had the parent contact week so hopefully those numbers get better as they usually do after that,” Perrin said. “We recently started setting aside a parent contact week rather than parent-teacher conferences and I think that had a lot better results.”

Perrin said another tool to improve student performance is Paper, the school’s new 24/7 online tutoring service that’s offered to students free of charge. Those usage numbers are up and Perrin

said he hopes they continue to rise.

Zick said a recent survey said that the school’s approach to addressing climate and culture issues at RTHS has been “for the most part overwhelmingly” better after changes in the past year.

“We wanted to give a mid-semester update on some of these things that we’ve talked about over the past couple of years especially,” Superintendent Jason Harper said. “Our school improvement plan goal this year aligns with all of these things and we’ll have further updates as the school year goes on.”

### Enrollment

Harper presented an update on current enrollment numbers and said RTHS currently has 880 students, up 24 from the 866 it had last year. The district previously projected 858 students this school year.

“Any time we see an increase, that’s a positive thing,” Harper said. “We don’t like to see decreases for obvious reasons. We continue to work with all six of our feeder schools to get an understanding of where they’re at with enrollments. The aggregate of all six sending schools is up 53 students. If you take everything combined, we’re seeing around 70-80 kids as an



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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increase. It’s a move in the right direction.”

Harper said projections going forward have not changed substantially and next year the school projects 903 students and 900 for the following year. The district projects a “low water mark” for enrollment in 2031-2032 of around 780 students.

“Projections are just projections,” Harper said. “We’ve been looking at projections every year for as long as I can remember

and we’ll continue to do so. We’ll continue to use our enrollment numbers to drive staffing.”

### School bus

The board unanimously agreed to let bids to purchase one 2023 or newer, 77-passenger school bus for July 2023 possession. Bid recommendations will be brought before the board for review and approval.

One older bus owned by the district needs to

be replaced and Harper said the ask was made at this point due to supply chain issues in the vehicle industry.

### Feeder schools

Harper said that on Oct. 20, RTHS will be hosting all feeder schools’ math and English teachers for an articulation meeting focused on teaching, learning and curricular options. RTHS has led several articulation meetings with local feeder

districts on a variety of topics and the district will continue the efforts as the year progresses.

“This is something that we’ve worked hard on in the past and I think during COVID-19 we were definitely communicating with our feeder schools on a host of issues,” Harper said. “Now we’re getting back to a more targeted approach focused on the teaching and learning that’s going on in the buildings.”

## Elementary district announces HUB Program funds

‘The district looks forward to three more years of impactful programming’

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Community Consolidated District 231 is excited to announce the Illinois School Board of Education has awarded the district a three-year extension of funds for its before-and-after-school program known as the HUB Program. The district has been a recipient of the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant for the past 10 years.

The HUB Program has served as a before-and-after-school academic

and enrichment program for kindergarten through eighth grade students. There is also a summer school component to the program that typically runs in the month of June each summer. The HUB Program’s primary goal is to serve at-risk youth who will be more likely to achieve academic, social/emotional and personal growth through additional educational programming.

Through the HUB Program, the school district has been lucky to have

established long-lasting partnerships with community organizations to provide unique opportunities for further student growth. In addition to student benefits, the HUB Program also provides parent and community educational opportunities to help enrich the lives of those supporting students.

“The district is proud to be able to offer the same before and after programming that we have for the past decade,” said HUB Program Di-

rector Yazmin Nambo. “Going forward, we can continue to offer our typical programming and expand with a few new classrooms to increase the number of students we are able to serve each day.”

In typical years, the HUB Program serves about 300 students Monday through Thursday of each week. This year, the program offers services out of Lincoln Elementary School, Central Elementary School and Rochelle Middle School.

Classrooms are often led by District 231 teachers who work additional hours to benefit the students of the Rochelle community. A portion of the program’s goals is to support families. The district said it looks forward to providing family events and parent education to help support not only students but their families as well.

“The district looks forward to three more years of impactful programming for our students,” said Rochelle Commu-

nity Consolidated District 231 Superintendent Jason Harper. “We thank our teachers and district staff who make this program possible. We also thank our community partners who graciously give their time and expertise to offering additional support and opportunities for our students.”

The district will continue to make applying for the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant a priority at the end of this current grant cycle.

## CAFE: Next freshman book selection will be Nov. 18

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Once they completed the list of the five books they would like to own,

she asked them to rate each choice one through three.

Juan Gaytan and Anthony Powell made them-

selves comfortable at the horror and mystery table. Juan was grasping a horror story tucked inside a blood read book

cover. What captured him visually? That blood red cover. What drew him in? This question: What would you do if you

found a stash of blood-soaked currency in your high school darkroom?

Jinkins delivered every student’s top choice

to them in class on Monday.

The next freshman reading book selection will be on Nov. 18.

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Marv

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Fall into a good book

**A**UTUMN is here! The days are getting colder and leaves are beginning to fall. It is the perfect time to visit the library. We are so excited to be hosting our Boo Bash Spooktacular! We look forward to seeing all of you and having a great time. The Boo Bash will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. We will have activities, games and costume prizes. All ages are welcome.

Our hay bale theme for this year is "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." We invite you to come and take your picture by our Charlie Brown character board or our "Great Pumpkin."

Pumpkins are an important part of the fall season. At the library, we have used them to decorate the outside of our building and to add some color to the old front entrance. It gives the building some character and

gets patrons in the frame of mind for fall. If you are interested in learning more about pumpkins, acider, leaves or Halloween, come in to the library and check out some books in our collection. Make sure you bring you library card.

Now, for some pumpkin history. "The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for 'large melon' which is 'pepon.' 'Pepon' was nasalized by the French into 'pom-

pon.' The English changed 'pompon' to 'Pumpion.' Shakespeare referred to the 'pumpion' in his 'Merry Wives of Windsor.' American colonists changed 'pumpion' into 'pumpkin.' The 'pumpkin' is referred to in 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' 'Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater' and 'Cinderella.'

Native Americans dried strips of pumpkin and wove them into mats. They also roasted long strips of pumpkin on the open fire and ate them. The origin of pumpkin pie occurred when the colonists sliced off the pumpkin top, removed the seeds, and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. The



**Sarah Flanagan**

pumpkin was then baked in hot ashes." (<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/pumpkins/history.cfm>)

We enjoy eating everything pumpkin during the months of October and November. We eat many things that

have pumpkin in them and use pumpkins for decorating and carving. This tradition is something that many of us look forward to throughout the fall months.

Come visit the library and attend a program, join a book club or just come in, find a quiet spot and read. It is the time of year to "fall into a good book."

*Sarah Flanagan is the library director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District.*

## Reports show Illinois farmers helped shrink Gulf of Mexico's hypoxic zone

**M**ANY Illinois farmers, including myself, are eagerly waiting to see how this year's crop turns out. That's the name of the game when it comes to farming: You make the best management decisions you can, learn from previous harvests and look to improve next year's results.

Farmers use a similar approach when conserving natural resources. Protecting our nation's water supply and improving soil health are top priorities for farmers. The food we grow is shared with our families, friends and neighbors. That is why farmers across the state are collaborating to find long-term solutions that have a positive environmental impact.

The Agricultural Nutrient Policy Council (ANPC), which Illinois Farm Bureau is part of, in August reported that Illinois farmers' soil and water conservation efforts are making meaningful progress. For example, farmer efforts, in combination with the work of others across the country,

are helping to reduce the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

Hypoxia areas, or "Dead Zones," are caused by excess nutrients flowing from sewage treatment plants, oil refineries, agriculture fields and urban areas, into lakes and rivers. The excess accumulation of nutrients can cause algae blooms to grow in large bodies of water, reducing oxygen levels needed to support aquatic plants and animals.

Earlier this summer, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found that the Gulf of Mexico's dead zone shrunk from a five-year average of 5,541 square miles in 2014 to 4,280 square miles in 2022. This difference of more than 1,000 square miles was made possible by collaborative efforts between states.

In Illinois, the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) is a guide to support nationwide efforts to keep nutrients in the soil

from trickling out of the state. The strategy, released in July 2015 by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, calls for wastewater treatment plants, urban and agricultural areas to reduce the state's phosphorous load by 25 percent and its nitrate-nitrogen load by 15 percent by 2025. The eventual target is a 45 percent reduction in the loss of these nutrients to the



**Richard Guebert**

Mississippi River. Farmers continue to work toward Illinois NLRs goals by improving water quality and soil health on their farms. To do this, we use measures that protect the environment, keeping soil in place using cover crops between seasons and limiting fertilizer applications to include only what the crop needs.

In June, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' and U.S. Geological Survey reported that reduced sediment and total phosphorus concentrations are leading

to clearer water in most parts of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers. This 15-year update demonstrates the significant progress toward improving the biodiversity within Illinois river systems, which ultimately improves water quality as it moves into other bodies of water.

Reducing nutrient loss and protecting our water quality requires a multi-year effort from farmers across the nation. These recent findings show that the hard work and dedication to conservation practices are having meaningful, positive impacts. It is my hope that farmers and the scientific community can continue this necessary and important work to provide healthy water and soil for all generations to come.

*Richard Guebert Jr. is the Illinois Farm Bureau president. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*

## As you prepare to vote, be informed - not misled

**T**HE world of Illinois politics is notoriously wild at times, and this year's midterm election season is holding true to form.

Disagreements on policy issues are the bread and butter of campaign clashes, and we've seen plenty of those. But we're also seeing misinformation, from misleading political mailers to memes that peddle outright falsehoods about the controversial SAFE-T Act. The legislation addresses criminal justice issues including use-of-force standards and training for police, and ends cash bail in 2023.

I'm not here to debunk any specific claims. Rather, I want to share some resources you can use to find credible information to make your own decision. These simple news literacy tips will help you navigate the information you're likely to see this election cycle, so that when you cast your ballot, you can be sure you're not swayed by mis- or disinformation.

First, an introduction: I'm Aleé Quick; I live in Carbondale, and I work for the News Literacy

Project. NLP is a national nonprofit that seeks to teach news literacy skills to help people be informed rather than misled – something that's especially important during election season. I also worked for several years as an editor at The Southern Illinoisian, where I covered many elections.

If a political ad or social media post makes you angry, scared, sad or even excited or hopeful, take that as a cue that you need to pause before you like, share or forward. Content that provokes a strong emotion overrides our rational thinking and prompts us to take immediate action – even if that action isn't the best way forward. When you feel that wave of emotion, take a step back, then open another tab in your browser and do a quick search online to confirm whether the message that has gotten to your emotions is accurate.

Most of us turn to a search engine like Google if we want to fact-check a claim. Doing your own search can be especially helpful for finding the original context of a candidate's quote or double-checking

the content of a viral meme – especially if it's a screenshot. You can use quotation marks to find websites that contain an exact phrase, limit your results to standards-based news outlets, narrow the timeframe of your search, verify a photo through a reverse image search and more. You can also use Google to search content on one specific website.

Why might you want to limit your search to specific sites? Some of the most common misinformation around election time is about the mechanics of voting itself – how, when and where to vote. When it comes to casting your ballot, the most reliable information comes from the government agency in your area that oversees the election.

In Illinois, the State Board of Elections works with local election authorities to administer the election. At [elections.il.gov](https://elections.il.gov), you can find the status of your registration – including your polling place and what congressional district you're in – as well as information about voting by mail and how to contact your

local election authority. We get to vote early here in the Prairie State, and your local election authority – a county clerk or municipal or county election commission, depending on where you live – will post information about early voting hours and locations. If you want to see what's on your ballot, your local election authority usually posts that online, too.

If you want to take a deeper dive into the greater problem of election misinformation, how to avoid it, and how to talk to loved ones who may have fallen for it, my organization is hosting three free webinars – starting Oct. 18 – in which we'll discuss those topics in depth. We've also got a lot more resources at <https://newsilit.org/election2022/>.

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# COMMUNITY



(COURTESY PHOTO)  
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## Rochelle Lions receive Chevron Award

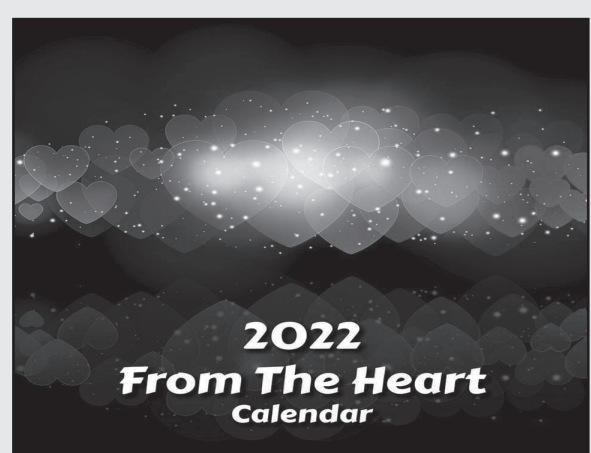
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- Sept. 24 - Kelly Nesgood, Janesville, \$25
- Sept. 25 - Allison Savant, Rochelle, \$50
- Sept. 26 - Bob Aubry, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 28 - Tom Ellis, Steward, \$25
- Sept. 29 - Karen Marsh, Stillman Valley, \$25
- Sept. 30 - Valerie Thomason, Mechanicsburg, \$25
- Oct. 1 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 2 - Maria Erickson, Steward, \$50
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- Oct. 4 - Katlyn Brady, Rochelle, \$25
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### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Oct. 20</b><br>Veda Lopez<br>Bo Bridgeman       | <b>Oct. 25</b><br>Bianca Herrera                    | <b>Oct. 30</b><br>Jack Powell     |
| <b>Oct. 22</b><br>Kayleigh White<br>Allie Dolister | <b>Oct. 27</b><br>Rachel Cruz                       | <b>Oct. 31</b><br>Angel Weyhrauch |
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## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

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- 1 Summary
- 6 Barrel parts
- 12 Without exception
- 13 Salsa brand
- 14 Sweetheart
- 15 Try to rip open
- 16 Regarding
- 17 Chore
- 19 QB's stats
- 20 Scrooge's cries
- 22 Droop
- 24 Embassy VIP
- 27 Proboscis
- 29 AAA jobs
- 32 South Dakota monument
- 35 Comic strip possum
- 36 Curved lines
- 37 Decorate Easter eggs
- 38 Dhaba preceder
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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## CryptoQuip

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: R equals S

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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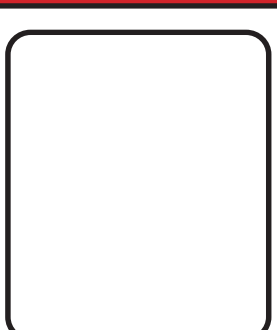
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The Community Action Network made a check presentation Thursday as part of the city's new downtown mural. CAN paid for part of the supplies for the mural. The mural was paid for by the City of Rochelle and painted by Mat and Mandey Steder.

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# SPORTS

### HITTING THEIR STRIDE

The RTHS cross country team saw six athletes awarded at the Interstate 8 meet.

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RTHS Football

# Defense stands tall

## Second-half stops prove crucial as Rochelle defeats Plano 42-22 on Friday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PLANO** — Junior defensive back Tommy Tourdot saw a chance to make a momentum-changing play during the second half of the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Plano on Friday.

Rochelle held a 20-14 lead over the Reapers at halftime, but Plano moved the ball well on its opening drive of the third quarter, taking the ball into Hub territory after a pair of completed passes from quarterback Armando Martinez. Looking to make a stand in a third-and-1 situation, Rochelle's defense came through, with Tourdot springing for a loose ball fumbled by Plano running back Waleed Johnson that ended the Reaper drive and kept the Hubs in the lead.

"I knew that run was coming my way," Tourdot said. "I saw the mishandle of the football and I jumped on it as quickly as I could. I thought we played much stronger in the second half and we talked during halftime about what we needed to do and how to stop [Waleed] Johnson."

The fumble recovery was the first of two turn-

overs forced by the Rochelle defense in the team's 42-22 win over Plano The Hubs (7-1, 4-0 Interstate 8/ Kishwaukee River Blue) will host unbeaten Richmond-Burton on Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. with a chance to clinch their first conference championship since 2004. The Rockets (8-0, 4-0) are ranked No. 1 in IHSA Class 4A.

"This season has been great," Tourdot said. "We have a great team with great coaches and we're playing for a conference championship next week. That'll be a test for us right before the playoffs. We just need to stay focused and play our game as we prepare for next week."

Rochelle received the opening kickoff and marched right down the field, taking an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter when senior tailback Garrett Gensler took a carry outside for a 5-yard touchdown and added the 2-point conversion. Gensler finished with a team-high 129 rushing yards and five touchdowns while adding five tackles and an interception on defense.

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Senior Trey Taft (right) runs behind offensive lineman Bradley Cooney (left) during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Plano on Friday. Taft rushed for 122 yards and a touchdown in the team's 42-22 victory.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

RTHS Girls Tennis

# Lady Hubs bow out at IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional

## Rochelle netters win three matches, finish tied for fifth place in two-day meet

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — A season's worth of hard work and improvement culminated at the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional on Friday afternoon, where the Lady Hub varsity tennis team brought home three match victories and scored eight points to tie for fifth out of 10 schools in the meet.

Junior Elin Zheng and senior Abby Tarvestad each reached the second round of the singles bracket. Zheng faced a tough challenge in the first round, overcoming windy conditions to outlast Marengo's Noelle Haas 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. Tarvestad cruised over Freeport's Ryleigh Bach in the first round, winning all nine games and eventually clinching the match 6-0, 3-0 (retired).

"I thought playing singles really highlighted Abby's athletic abilities," head coach Lizzie Cartwright said. "That was a great challenge for Abby and she really thrived with that. I could see how she enjoyed being in charge of her play... I thought Elin was more timid at the start of the season, but things started to click

for her during the season and she started hitting the ball harder. I'm looking forward to working with her and seeing her win more matches next year."

Zheng and Tarvestad each bowed out in the second round, with Zheng falling 1-6, 0-6 against Sycamore's Abby Golembiewski and Tarvestad losing 1-6, 1-6 against Dixon's Addison Arjes. Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams led the Lady Hubs in the doubles bracket, earning a first-round bye before taking down Rockford Lutheran's Ren Yamanoi and Violet Sjostrom 6-3, 7-5 in the second round.

With a berth in the IHSA State Championship on the line, Nantz and Williams squared off against Sycamore's Sabrina Ezell and Jetta Weaver, falling 4-6, 1-6.

"I really felt like our girls gave their absolute best effort during the sectional meet," Cartwright said. "Winning three matches was huge, especially considering that many of the girls we faced have been playing tennis for a lot longer than our girls... It was really exciting to see how our girls improved from where

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team finished tied for fifth out of 10 schools in the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional on Friday and Saturday. Pictured above from left to right are sectional players Elin Zheng, Francesca Williams, Torrin Nantz, Marisa Whaley, Bailey Jackson and Abby Tarvestad.

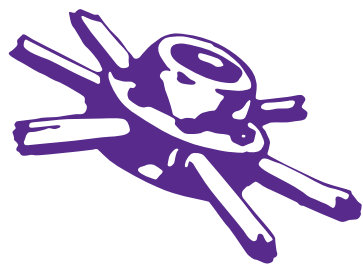
(COURTESY PHOTO)

they were at the start of the season. Everyone played really hard."

Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley also earned a first-round bye in the doubles bracket. Jackson and Whaley played a hard-fought match against Boylan Catholic's Jeeya Amin and Aldyn Olson in the second round, showing tremendous resilience in a 4-6, 6-3, 5-7 defeat. Rochelle finished the season with a 5-10 overall record and an 0-5 record in the Interstate 8.

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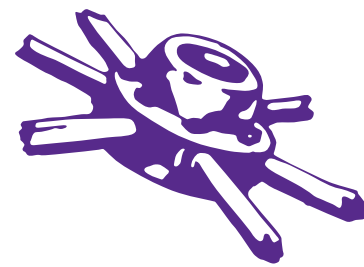




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*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Football*

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

*A: Five years.*

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

*A: Getting to run the football and tackling people.*

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

*A: Conditioning because I'm able to stay active.*

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

*A: Adrian Peterson because he played for my favorite team and he was really good.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My dad because I would like to do the same job as him and he has taught me a lot.*

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

*A: To be a professional football player because I love football.*

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

*A: Australia because my dad and I both want to go there.*

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

*A: Playing sports with my friends and my coaches.*

**Tony**

**Milburn**

*Year: Freshman*

*Sport: Football*



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

*A: Since I was 6 years old.*

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

*A: The team energy and how everybody is dedicated to the sport.*

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

*A: Geography because I like to learn about the world.*

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

*A: Michael Jordan because he has inspired me in many ways.*

**Q: Who is your biggest role**

**model and why?**

*A: My dad because he pushes me to do better and to be better at sports.*

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

*A: To be a professional baseball player or a carpenter.*

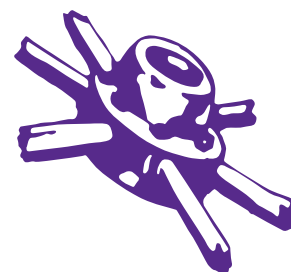
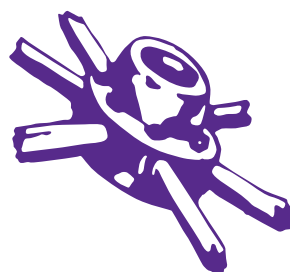
**Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?**

*A: Florida because it has a lot of scenery.*

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

*A: The school has a lot of clubs I can join.*

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# SPORTS

## HUBS: Rochelle rushes for six touchdowns at Plano

**From page 1**

Junior defensive tackle Landon Mickley sacked Martinez for a loss on Plano's first play from scrimmage, but the Reapers bounced right back, with Johnson exploding through the middle of the Hub defense for a 71-yard touchdown. Johnson, who ran for 186 yards and two touchdowns for Plano, caught the 2-point conversion on the ensuing play to even the score at 8-8.

Senior wingback Trey Taft capped off Rochelle's second drive of the game, running toward the sideline and staying in bounds for a 13-yard touchdown late in the first quarter. Taft rushed for 122 yards on only 13 carries in the win. After a fourth-and-13 conversion on a 20-yard pass from Martinez to wide receiver Nick Serio, Plano tied the score again early in the second quarter, with Martinez finding another wide receiver, Tristan Meszaros, for a 13-yard touchdown pass.

The Hubs melted most of the second-quarter clock away, using 13 plays to move the ball 71 yards and score on a 2-yard touchdown run from Gensler to take a 20-14 halftime lead. Tourdot's fumble recovery early in the third quarter led to another rushing touch-

down for the Hubs, who saw Taft and sophomore fullback Erich Metzger record four consecutive runs of 10-plus yards before Gensler cashed in the Plano turnover with a 5-yard scoring run.

Rochelle held the Reapers to only four plays on their next drive, forcing a turnover on downs after senior defensive end Raul Aguirre sacked Martinez on a fourth-and-4 play to give the Hubs possession of the ball. Leading 26-14 late in the third quarter, Rochelle kept its ensuing drive alive on a fourth-and-9 down, with senior quarterback Hayden Inman evading multiple Plano defenders and finding Taft over the middle of the field for a 28-yard pass completion.

"Our defense deserves a lot of credit for forcing them into that fourth-down situation," Aguirre said. "I felt like Plano was running away from my side for most of the game, but we knew they were in an obvious passing situation because of the down and distance. I just bull rushed my guy straight into their quarterback and took him down. This season has been amazing and this team feels like a brotherhood. We all love each other and we all play for each other."

The Inman-Taft connection set up a 1-yard rushing touchdown from Gensler that helped put the Hubs ahead 34-14 at the start of the fourth quarter. The Reapers found one last spark midway through the fourth quarter, when Johnson broke multiple tackles for a 44-yard touchdown run to keep Plano in the game. Rochelle sealed the win with an 11-play, 59-yard scoring drive near the end of the fourth quarter, when Gensler barreled forward for a 2-yard touchdown.

Gensler intercepted Martinez on a fourth-and-10 play in the final minute to ice the Rochelle victory. Erich Metzger led the Hub defense with nine tackles, while Garrett Gensler as well as sopho-

more safety and younger brother Grant Gensler each recorded five tackles. Junior linebacker Brock Metzger and sophomore lineman Kaiden Morris each totaled four tackles.

"These seniors have been playing football together for a long time and we all owe it to each other to finish this season the best way we can," Aguirre said. "We definitely have to lock in and focus for next week. We need to play our style of football and that means running the ball and making our blocks. It doesn't matter who's ranked or who isn't. We have to play our game."



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity football team defeated Plano 42-22 on Friday. At left, senior Raul Aguirre sacks quarterback Armando Martinez. At right, junior Tommy Tourdot recovers a fumble early in the second half.

on Friday, defeating Plano 54-12 to remain unbeaten on the season. Rochelle (8-0) will look to clinch an Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Conference Blue Division title with its final home game of the season later this week. The Hubs will host Richmond-Burton on Friday at 5 p.m.

Sophomore Ethan Goodwin rushed for a 12-yard touchdown and a 3-yard touchdown in the win, while sophomore Elijah Harley rushed for a 10-yard touchdown and caught a 50-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Carson Lewis. Sophomore Jordan Bly added a 10-yard touchdown run and freshman Roman Villalobos added a 6-yard touchdown run.

Several Rochelle defenders recorded sacks including sophomores Brandyn Metzger and Troy Martinez as well as freshmen Martiese Pogue, Roman Villalobos, Reece Harris and Corbin Harris. Sophomore Ryan Senne and freshman Brode Metzger each had a tackle for loss in the win, with Senne blocking a punt and Metzger blocking an extra-point attempt on special teams.

The Hubs are averaging 40.9 points per game on offense this season, running behind a talented offensive line that includes tight ends Frankie Pelan and Brode Metzger as well as linemen Damon Cagle, Jack Carmichael, Dalton Merriman, Ryan Senne and Corbin Harris.



(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team improved to 8-0 on the season with a 54-12 win at Plano on Friday. At left, freshman Gavin Neale runs over a Reaper defender. At right, sophomore Matthew Lynn (middle) celebrates with teammates Van Gerber (left) and Andrew Johnson (right) after an interception on defense.

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# ASHTON NEWS

## ‘C.J. Downing and the Tiffany Sword’ program set for Oct. 24

**DIXON** — The Lee County Historical and Genealogy Society will be presenting a program at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24 at their office at 113 S. Hennepin Avenue in Dixon. Richard Bunton of Oregon, great-great-grandson of O. J. Downing, will tell us of the bravery of his ancestor and why he was awarded this high honor by others in his company, the 2nd New York Cavalry, during the Civil War. The sword is on display at the Preservation Long Island Museum in Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

Rick is retired after 45 years of teaching vocational and industrial arts and decided to start researching this history after he and his wife were touring Virginia and went to the site of some of the battles of the Civil War.

The public is welcome and there is no admission fee. The building is handicapped accessible and there is ample parking close by. Please come join us for this interesting program.



(COURTESY PHOTO)  
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## AFC Raider football team cruises over Peoria Heights

**ASHTON** — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity eight-man football team was dominant over the weekend, winning 58-18 against Peoria Heights to move to 5-3 on the season. The Raiders will conclude the regular season against Rockford (Christian Life) on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. on the road.

Quarterback Carson Rueff completed 18-of-27 passes for 313 yards while adding 116 rushing yards. Rueff totaled seven touchdowns for the Raider offense in the win. Zane Murphy recorded

58 receiving yards and two touchdowns with an interception return for a touchdown on the defensive side.

Lane Koning finished with 176 receiving yards and four touchdowns for AFC, while Auden Polk added 66 receiving yards and one touchdown with 19 rushing yards. Logan Mershon chipped in 25 rushing yards and 6 receiving yards.

**Volleyball**

The Ashton-Franklin Center volleyball teams faced Forreston on Tuesday,

Oct. 11. The varsity team fell 15-26, 16-25 while the JV team lost 22-25, 14-25 and the fresh-soph team split its match 24-26, 22-13.

Taylor Jahn and Malory Coffman combined for five kills in the varsity match, while Elena Refatllari and Nadezda Cater teamed up for five digs in the match. Reese Polk totaled four kills and Audree Dorn compiled five assists to lead the JV team, while Abby Milligan had nine aces and 11 service points in the fresh-soph match.



## Lee County Sheriff's Office awarded IDOT grant

**DIXON** — The Lee County Sheriff's Office recently announced it has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program grant to conduct additional traffic safety efforts. The STEP program focuses on high-visibility enforcement and strategies aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing traffic crashes.

"We're pleased to receive this grant to step up our road safety efforts with the goal of saving lives," said Sgt. Derek Ranken. "Our mission is to make travel safer through directed, proactive patrols and to stop, cite and arrest those who choose to violate traffic laws."

During the STEP grant year, which runs from Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023, the Lee County Sheriff's Office will conduct additional enforcement efforts to supplement mandatory

and optional campaign enforcement dates scheduled during some of the deadliest times of the year.

The supplemental efforts will focus on the leading contributory causes of crashes: speeding, impaired driving, electronic device use, failure to yield and disobeying traffic control signals, as well as occupant restraint violations.

The STEP grant is funded by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Halloween**

In a recent press release, the Lee County Sheriff's Office urged motorists to commit to sober driving this Halloween when children and their families will be walking through neighborhoods after dark in search of candy and spooky fun. If you will be out scaring up a good time, remember to plan for a sober ride home.

"Alcohol and marijuana impair not only your ability to drive safely, but also your decision-making skills," said Sgt. Derek Ranken. "That's why it's so important to know how you'll get home before you leave for the party. Plan ahead to help keep yourself and others safe."

Plan a safe way to get home before you attend a party. You can designate a sober driver, take public transportation, use your favorite ride-sharing service, or call a sober friend or family member to get home.

Walking while impaired can be just as dangerous as driving impaired. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you see an impaired person about to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely.

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**Ashton Gazette**  
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## 2022 List of Assessment Changes

The following is a list of assessment changes made in Dement, Flagg, Lynnville and White Rock townships by the township assessor, and/or approved or revised by the supervisor of assessments. The values shown are after the application of equalization factors.

Under the authority of 35 ILCS 200/9-210 (Illinois Compiled Statutes), notice is hereby given that the following equalization factors (or "multipliers") have been applied to all non-farm land and improvements on class 0010, 0011, 0020, 0028, 0030, 0040, 0050, 0060 and 0070 properties in the following townships, all other classes received a 1.0000 factor;

Dement 1.0750  
Flagg 1.0825  
Lynnville 1.0750  
White Rock 1.0750

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the farmland assessments for the 2022 assessment year have increased by 10% of the preceding year's median cropped soil productivity index per acre as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Data was provided by the Farmland Assessment Advisory Board and approved by the Ogle County Farmland Assessment Review Committee resulting in an increase in assessment of \$38.73 per acre for each soil productivity index.

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/12-10, individual notices will not be mailed on properties with assessment changes due to equalization alone. The factors shown are determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue's most recent sales-to-assessment ratio study, and take into consideration any assessment changes made by the assessor. These factors bring the average assessment level in the townships to 33 1/3% of market value, and they will be applied to the categories of property listed above. Your township assessor is listed below.

Your property is to be assessed at the above median level. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by the following procedure: divide your assessment by 0.3333 (median level of assessments). The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. If you believe your property's fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

1. Contact your township assessor to review the assessment.
2. If you are not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the Ogle County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call (815) 732-1150 or visit [www.oglecountyil.gov](http://www.oglecountyil.gov) for more information.

File a complaint of assessment with the Board of Review. The final filing deadline for your township is generally 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review is prohibited by law from accepting assessment complaints for properties in this townships. For more information on complaint deadlines, call (815) 732-1150 or visit us at 105 South 5th St, Suite 215, Oregon, Illinois 61061.

If you believe your property is over-assessed, you may file an appeal within 30 days of this publication. The deadline to file an appeal of the 2022 assessment is November 21, 2022.

See [www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/supervisor-of-assessments/](http://www.oglecountyil.gov/departments/supervisor-of-assessments/) for assessor contact information, assessment publications, appeal and exemption information.

An assessment is not a tax bill. The assessment allocates the property tax burden based on the value of your real property, and the aggregate value of all property in the tax district. In general, the higher valued properties pay more taxes than the lower valued properties.

Exemptions: exemptions reduce the taxable value of homestead property. Exemptions are available for owner occupied, seniors, disabled and disabled veterans, returning veterans, and certain homestead improvements.

Ogle County Assessors for these townships are:  
Township/Assessor/Phone  
Dement / White-Rock / Lynnville / Paul Peterson / 815-561-4577

Flagg/Susan Rothenberger/815-562-6862  
If you have questions about your assessment, it is recommended that you contact your assessor for a review and explanation.

Ogle County  
Supervisor of Assessments  
105 S. 5th St. PO Box 40  
Oregon, IL 61061  
815-732-1150

Flagg	
24-02-100-003 GENSLER, RICHARD E & MARY	46,612
24-02-100-004 GENSLER, RICHARD E & MARY	44,701
24-02-100-005 LA PLUME, JANET E TRUSTEE	43,351
24-07-377-003 PUTZSTUCK, KYLE K & KLOUSE	98,255
24-07-400-002 HARGREAVES, DAVID	62,495
24-08-301-006 MALE, JOSEPH L & SANDRA K	100,314
24-08-303-003 MARTINA, JEREMIAH J & JANE	110,624
24-08-400-004 KURTH, THOMAS O & ANGELA J	20,280
24-11-427-008 HICKS, BLAINE	6,305
24-11-427-009 HICKS, LLOYD & KENNEDY, FE	6,565
24-11-477-006 BUTTERTY, LARRY J & LA DONN	7,294
24-11-478-006 HOLT, HENRY L & CYNTHIA R	32,956
24-12-101-014 DAVIS, DENVER A & KIMBERLY	63,044
24-12-101-015 MCCLUSKEY, JEFFREY G & CYN	63,322
24-12-101-016 WELU, NADINE	67,568
24-12-101-017 LINDMANN, KAREN A	71,014
24-12-101-018 VANDRE, JOHN D & VANDRE, A	90,728
24-12-101-019 EUL, NICKOLAUS R & TERI J	61,669
24-12-101-020 SEDLOCK, CHRISTOPHER J & T	62,052
24-12-101-021 KOO, JEANIE & BELMONTE, GO	61,622
24-12-101-023 HARDING, CHRISTOPHER C & J	73,954
24-12-101-024 HENSLEY, HEATHER M	76,978
24-12-101-025 SKINN, JOHN	117,634
24-12-101-026 BONILLA, ERNESTO E & ALMA	79,193
24-12-101-030 TIPP, TERRY T	98,189
24-12-101-032 TORRES, JEANIE CHISAMORE	69,481
24-12-101-033 BURCIAGA, ALBERT S & MARIA	69,544
24-12-102-010 DODSON, ALLEN D	55,236
24-12-102-011 CAGLE, SUSAN M TRUSTEE	66,898
24-12-102-012 CHISAMORE, DANNY M JR & KA	70,127
24-12-102-013 FORNI, JOHN E & KIMBERLY L	78,045
24-12-102-014 FEJOSKI, AVA	68,039
24-12-102-015 CROW, DAVID D & KATHY A	57,502
24-12-102-016 FRANCIS, JOEL R	54,935
24-12-102-017 LOVELL, JOHN A & ALISA L	67,867
24-12-102-018 KOTESKI, SCOTT & SHERYL	62,225
24-12-102-019 LARSEN, SETH L	69,327
24-12-102-021 NICKLES, CASEY	59,322
24-12-102-023 VILLALOBOS, JOSE J & NAZAR	62,083
24-12-102-024 NIXON, WILLIAM J & DANELL	59,943
24-12-103-001 BAKER, NELSON R & NELSON,	73,408
24-12-103-002 HARTNETT, THOMAS II	64,815
24-12-103-003 PINEDA, MARVIN G & CHRISTI	70,640
24-12-103-004 BEARROWS, RICHARD E & MARL	74,118
24-12-103-005 FLORES, FREDY N VARELA & L	64,484
24-12-103-006 PATRICK, WILLIAM A & KIMBE	69,658
24-12-103-007 TIMM, NATHAN K	65,881
24-12-103-008 CRYSTAL, MICKEY J & THERES	67,011

24-12-103-009 THOMAS, KEVIN ROBERT & JEA	72,209
24-12-103-010 WATSON, SCOT & KRISTA	69,726
24-12-103-011 MILAN, GONZALO H & GARCIA	59,873
24-12-103-012 LANDA, GERARDO	55,508
24-12-103-013 SMITH, BRIAN	66,651
24-12-103-014 DAUGHERTY, RICHARD J & CAR	64,141
24-12-103-015 WALLACE, WILLIAM ROBERT &	56,121
24-12-103-016 HICKS, HERSEL S & HICKS,	62,867
24-12-103-017 BAMBERGER, NICOLAS J & MYR	70,633
24-12-103-018 REINHART, ROGER W	70,681
24-12-103-019 TAYLOR, TREVOR	70,436
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24-12-151-003 ASKEW, DOUGLAS A & SHEILA	64,985
24-12-151-004 ESCOBAR, ALEJANDRO & PATRI	88,487
24-12-151-005 ARGUETA, PORFIRIO	73,496
24-12-151-006 SITTER, JOSHUA S & AKERS	75,235
24-12-151-007 MILLER, ROBERT E & LINDA K	66,054
24-12-151-008 RHOADS, RICHARD S & DEANA	67,202
24-12-151-009 TYNER, RICKEY L & KATHRYN	51,855
24-12-151-010 CASTRO, ROBERTO & TAMMY	63,867
24-12-151-011 ELSTON, ALEX G & DANIELLE	60,320
24-12-152-002 BEMIS, FRANK RAY	56,008
24-12-152-003 NOBLE, JEFFERY R & MELISSA	64,224
24-12-152-004 ANDERSON, GARY T TRUSTEE	56,163
24-12-152-005 KLECKA, WILLIAM JR & DEBRA	51,821
24-12-152-006 BROWN, JENNIFER	49,070
24-12-152-007 MUELLER, GEORGE H & BARBAR	54,085
24-12-152-008 JOHANNING, ROGER J & PATTY	62,271
24-12-152-010 BRANDT, JAMES W	57,959
24-12-152-011 CARTER, CHRISTOPHER M	56,989
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24-12-152-013 COUNTRYMAN, COLE & BRITTAN	67,478
24-12-152-014 MORTENSEN, GREGORY A & VAL	54,965
24-12-152-015 BENNER, DAVID A JR & COULF	62,009
24-12-152-016 STAUFFER, TIMOTHY B	79,472
24-12-152-017 THE WILLIAM H & JOY JOAN B	51,956
24-12-152-018 VILLATORO, ROBERT	73,425
24-12-152-019 SALIDO, ISAAC	62,964
24-12-152-020 BEHRENS, KEVIN & LORI	65,607
24-12-152-022 MCKINNEY, WILLIAM K & JAIM	58,158
24-12-152-023 SANDERS, BRENTON M	65,831
24-12-152-024 GADSON, JAMIE	60,350
24-12-152-025 KLECKA, AARON W & ALYSSA J	55,391
24-12-152-026 HERNANDEZ ZARATE, HUGO & C	64,819
24-12-152-027 HUDZIK, STEVEN J & SILVIA	59,153
24-12-152-028 HALL, DANIEL	52,220
24-12-152-029 BULLTA, STEVEN L & STEPHAN	56,921
24-12-152-030 NORRIS, DAVID R & ELFRIDE	56,010
24-12-152-031 AJVAZI, SEADIN & MIDA	68,083
24-12-152-032 SALSABURY, RANDALL K & KIM	84,885
24-12-152-033 WOOD, DALE	65,838
24-12-152-034 COONEY, PAUL F & ANGELA D	58,643
24-12-152-035 TIPTON, JACK L JR	55,707
24-12-152-036 BURKE, JARED V	75,389
24-12-152-037 BAKKEN, ETHAN & HEATHER WE	62,244
24-12-152-038 WILLIAMS, RYAN L & BRANDY	63,582
24-12-152-040 BROUSSARD, ROBERT	57,830
24-12-152-041 CHAVEZ, JOVANNA J	62,662
24-12-153-001 AREVALO, ESTUARDO & INGRID	69,101
24-12-153-002 CARDOT, CHRISTINA L	56,420
24-12-153-003 HUSTON, SEAN	61,432
24-12-153-004 GARCIA, ENRIQUE H & OLIVIA	61,134
24-12-153-006 RAMOS, VICTOR & JENNY L	49,932
24-12-154-001 HERNANDEZ, MARIA D	65,265
24-12-154-002 WEYKER, WAYNE R & LAURA L	40,307
24-12-154-003 AREVALO, HECTOR & VYANETT	60,426
24-12-154-004 FORE, SHARON F	64,442
24-12-154-005 POTTIER, ALFRED D & SUE K	55,098
24-12-154-006 PALMER, CURTIS L & DIANE	53,456
24-12-154-007 BINGHAM, JAMES A III & JAM	59,849
24-12-154-008 GARCIA, DANIEL & JOSEFA C	64,636
24-12-176-004 HACKBARTH, GREGORY J & SAR	57,289
24-12-301-018 MITCHELL, SARA	61,473
24-12-302-008 CRUZ, MICHAEL & YAMILE	49,121
24-12-303-009 BINGHAM, JOANN & JAMES A J	40,438
24-12-305-008 HUERAMO, JUAN ALBERTO GAYT	36,520
24-12-327-003 GARCIA GARCIA, FRANCISCO	39,091
24-12-327-020 HUERAMO, CHRISTIAN & PHA	49,474
24-12-328-022 KESSEN, CHARLES S & CHRIST	35,341
24-12-351-010 WETZEL, JAMES D	28,579
24-12-356-009 EVERS, PATRICK M	33,429
24-13-103-004 RAINWATER, MARILYN	34,156
24-13-105-002 BLISH, JULIAN CHARLES & CA	52,199
24-13-326-010 PIPE 77 LLC	70,363
24-13-326-011 HARTNETT III, THOMAS J	37,400
24-13-376-022 ANGELKRISHNA CORP	170,231
24-13-381-009 HAGAN, JOSEPH C & Z DIANE	70,193
24-13-381-031 RASMUSSEN, STEVEN	31,744
24-13-452-024 STINNETT, LUCAS	49,614
24-13-457-006 HAYES, AARON	53,677
24-14-279-002 STEVENS, LARRY A	45,661
24-14-404-013 MOTT, RICHARD	75,292
24-14-454-001 KESSEN, DONALD L & NANCY J	72,024
24-14-454-015 BENDER, CHRISTOPHER TYRONE	75,878
24-14-454-043 FANE, WESLEY & ANNE	83,992
24-14-477-019 WHITE, CAREY R & TERESA K	71,019
24-14-478-021 LOUIS, KEVIN J & KIMBERLY	63,556
24-14-480-008 GOFF, DANIEL D & KAREN L	57,218
24-14-483-001 CROSBIE, CAILIN & LINDA A	80,370
24-15-301-016 TSLEY, ANDREW & ALEXIS	64,463
24-15-302-003 MANDUJANO, ISAUARA MARTINEZ	60,668
24-15-302-005 VRUNO, ALPHONSO J III & SE	50,674
24-15-302-009 HARVELL, THOMAS D & TERRY	64,446
24-15-303-002 BUNN, ZACHARY A	60,734
24-16-252-003 PEASE, RICHARD & MICHELLE	39,333
24-16-276-001 LIEZERT, STEPHEN W & EILEE	85,078
24-16-276-020 FIXMER, DAVID & BETH	49,103
24-16-277-015 MACHADO, ANDRES	72,171
24-16-278-007 CHRISTIE, SEAN	55,296
24-17-101-001 BROWN, TRACY & ANNE	191,013
24-17-128-001 HILL, KATHRYN A	10,109
24-17-129-007 HILL, KATHRYN A	15,849
24-17-151-010 CAMPBELL, IAN & TAYLOR	98,805
24-17-180-001 WIEDEMANN, ERIC V SR & LAU	99,348
24-17-180-002 LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER R & SHA	102,162
24-17-202-003 MOLLINELLI, DAVID J & JEAN	96,274
24-17-328-004 RODRIGUEZ, RENE JR	102,913
24-17-352-010 STREIT, SONNY & MALLORY	71,547
24-17-354-004 BIARNESSEN, CURT & DONNA	98,012
24-17-356-004 ZICK, JOHN W & JACKIE L	102,984
24-17-379-005 EDISON, STEVEN A & WORTHIN	128,411
24-17-400-031 DAYTON, TIMOTHY A	27,620
24-17-400-032 SANDS, JORDAN & LOVELESS,	43,193
24-18-226-008 MACKLIN, KYLE & MARKEE	92,698
24-18-451-002 VOGELER, JAMES & DIANNE	96,867
24-20-126-009 HARROLLE, SANDRA L DAILEY	59,892
24-20-126-010 CAPES, DUANE W	21,361
24-20-151-002 MORRIS, BENJAMIN & JESSICA	89,961
24-20-202-008 STANFA, STEVEN & JAZMIN G	101,290
24-20-202-009 HAYWELL LLC WESTWOOD	99,464
24-20-203-001 RAMAKER, TROY A & JOANN	77,553
24-20-205-001 ADOLPH, JUSTIN L & ANNA M	89,460
24-20-207-001 KETTLESON, ANTHONY D & KAR	97,655
24-20-403-002 ADOLPH, JEFFREY T TRUSTEE	97,453
24-20-404-004 HAMMER, RICHARD S & SUSAN	77,865
24-20-404-005 MILLER, LOGAN R & REBECCA	101,658
24-20-404-006 KELLER, DANIEL W & KAYLA M	84,208
24-20-404-009 ADOLPH, JEFFREY T TRUSTEE	3,334
24-20-404-010 HAYWELL LLC WESTWOOD	9,093
24-20-406-001 VOGELER, JAKE & KENDALL	143,922
24-20-452-003 TCHASSANI, BILLIE	48,409
24-20-479-005 SMITH, KYLE	65,363
24-23-201-008 SPARTZ FAMILY LLC	67,773
24-23-202-002 FLECK, MICHAEL J & APRIL R	90,063
24-23-202-006 GOSSE, HAROLD & PAT	85,160
24-23-202-007 DEJAYNES, JAMES E & SCHERB	82,992
24-23-227-013 SMITH, JOHN S	33,901
24-23-230-003 LEON, EDWIN ROBERTO INFANT	29,189
24-23-230-015 HALTERMAN, LORI J & DUNN	40,182
24-23-278-003 BENSON, SAMUEL J	41,134
24-23-427-004 SMART, CLAYTON & COLLETTE	38,600
24-23-427-007 MCCRAY, MANDI RAE	26,997
24-23-430-002 RICHMOND, KEVIN E & SABINA	48,578
24-23-430-010 CAMMUCKA, DOMINIC J	41,561
24-23-433-003 VAN US, TREVER & ASHLEY	54,660
24-23-435-006 CAGLE, JOSEPH E & GRUBEN,	67,429
24-23-436-007 BANTA, DONNA	43,096
24-23-452-005 JOSIE REAL ESTATE LTD	81,028
24-23-477-002 RODRIGUEZ, ROBERT & BREYAN	37,932
24-23-479-012 MILLARD, NOAH C	49,814
24-23-482-004 KRATOCHVIL, SAMANTHA & EDW	39,590
24-24-102-003 ROBLETO, JACKLYN	64,518
24-24-103-008 CASTORENA CABRERA, JAIME	55,643
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Rose Hueramo, City Clerk  
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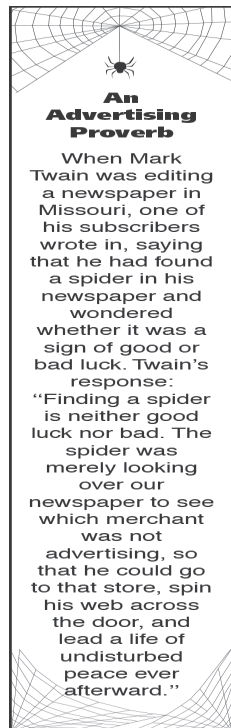
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# SPORTS

## RTHS Cross Country

# Rochelle runners awarded at Interstate 8 meet

## Hernandez and Ortiz receive All-Conference honors with top-14 placements

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**LASALLE** — Six months removed from being diagnosed with an iron deficiency that made running far more difficult, Rochelle student-athlete Luis Hernandez can now call himself one of the fastest cross country runners in the Interstate 8 Conference. The junior was one of two Rochelle runners to earn All-Conference honors from the Interstate 8 meet at Baker Lake Park.

Hernandez led the Rochelle Hub cross country team at the conference event, finishing ninth out of 48 varsity runners with a time of 16:59.51. Senior Thomas Koziol took 27th with a time of 18:30.53 and freshman Declan McGee led the Hubs in the fresh-soph race, finishing third out of 34 runners with a time of 18:05.75. Sophomore Chris Hickey took sixth in the fresh-soph race with a time of 18:42.27. Both McGee and Hickey earned ribbons for their efforts in the meet.

"It makes me feel really good to earn All-Conference," Hernandez said. "I'm really happy about how I was able to come back from the iron deficiency and be an All-Conference runner this season. There were some steep areas on the course that made things difficult for me, but my motivation was to earn a medal. I didn't care about



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Township High School cross country team saw six athletes earn awards at the Interstate 8 Conference meet on Saturday. Pictured above from left to right are Chris Hickey, Luis Hernandez, Annaliese Koziol, Declan McGee, Yuelma Ortiz and Rose Luxton.

my time. It makes me a lot more confident going into the regional and my goal there is to break the 16-minute mark and make sectionals."

Senior Yuelma Ortiz recorded the fastest time for the Rochelle Lady

Hub cross country team on Saturday, earning All-Conference honors after finishing 13th out of 48 varsity runners with a time of 20:48.67. Freshmen Annaliese Koziol and Rose Luxton both received ribbons for their efforts

in the fresh-soph race, where Koziol took third in 22:09.99 and Luxton finished 13th in 24:03.70. Rochelle will send both teams to the IHSA 2A Sterling Regional at Hoover Park this Saturday.

"I feel very proud of

myself and my progress, so it's exciting to be an All-Conference runner," Ortiz said. "I really enjoyed the scenery of the course and how open it was. The hills were probably the most challenging part of the course, but they were

small so they weren't too bad. I know I can do better so I'm excited to see how I do at the regional. My goals are to enjoy the run and the experience because I know it will be one of the last races of my senior season."

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# SPORTS

## NIU Football

# Huskies play 'complete' game against Eastern Michigan

## Offense, defense and special teams combine to lead NIU to 39-10 road victory

**YPSILANTI, Mich.**

The Northern Illinois University Huskies got the four-quarter performance on offense, defense and special teams that NIU head coach Thomas Hammock has been looking for and the result was a 39-10 win over Eastern Michigan Saturday at Rynearson Stadium.

With the win, NIU improved to 2-5 on the season, 1-2 in the MAC while Eastern Michigan fell to 4-3, 1-2. The victory snapped the Huskies' five-game losing streak.

"They never lost the faith, they kept believing in one another and we're fighting to be a team," Hammock said. "I thought they did a great job today in all three phases. These guys do nothing but work hard every single week and it was great to see that show up today."

Defensive tackle James Ester gave the Huskies an early lead by tipping a pass at the goal line and catching it for NIU's first defensive touchdown of the year and the defense continued to harass EMU quarterback Taylor Powell and bottle up the Eagles' offensive weapons throughout the game. The Huskies totaled five sacks by four different players, limiting the Eagles to just 29 rushing yards on 27 carries; they were effective on third down as Eastern Michigan converted just twice in 13 chances.

Most importantly, they kept the Eagles out of the end zone. After EMU tight end Andreas Paaske got behind the Huskie defenders to score on a 75-yard touchdown pass from Powell at 10:34 of the first quarter, the Eagles did not even make it inside the NIU 20-yard line the remainder of the game. EMU's lone second-half score came on a 46-yard field goal by Jesus Gomez in the third quarter that cut the Huskies' lead to 20-10.

"The defense played together," Hammock said. "Guys were communicating, guys were executing, they were able to finish plays today and part of that was due to the coverage down the field. Our

defensive line really played well today. We played team defense."

Offensively, NIU ran for 287 yards on 49 carries to average 5.9 yards per rush, thanks in large part to a pair of long touchdown runs. Antario Brown scored on a 47-yard run with 4:03 to play in the first quarter, giving NIU a lead it would never relinquish, 14-7. Brown finished with 86 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. His partner at running back, Harrison Waylee, totaled 158 yards on 16 carries with his 76-yard run around the right end closing out the scoring for NIU. The third member of NIU's rushing attack was quarterback Justin Lynch, who started the game in place of an injured Ethan Hampton. Lynch tallied 38 yards on eight carries.

"Our offensive line played well up front," Hammock said. "[Justin Lynch] executed at a high level and gave us a chance. For us, our offensive line was moving [the defensive line] and we felt confident, we think we have some good backs and Rocky [Lombardi] came in and gave us a change up."

In all, four different players took snaps from center Saturday, including Rocky Lombardi, who saw his first action since week three versus Vanderbilt. Lombardi completed 11-of-15 passes for 115 yards with Cole Tucker on the receiving end of five passes for 58 yards.

The Huskie special teams played their part in the victory as well. John Richardson was four-of-four on field goals with makes of 41, 39, 28 and 33 yards, while his variety of kickoffs kept the Eagles' dangerous kick return game at bay. His squib kickoff late in the third quarter was fumbled by Eastern Michigan and recovered by the Huskies' Joey Rattin, setting up Richardson's fourth field goal and giving NIU a 32-10 lead early in the fourth quarter. In addition to Richardson, Tom Foley's first punt pinned EMU on its five-yard line



(PHOTO BY STEVE KING)

and helped lead to Ester's scoring play.

NIU led 14-7 after one quarter behind Ester's defensive score and Brown's long run for touchdown. They got a pair of Richardson field goals to bookend the second quarter — the first with 14:03 on the clock from 41 yards and the second from 39 yards out with six seconds to play in the half. NIU led 20-7 at half.

After Gomez made a 47-yard field goal for EMU's lone second half score to close the gap to 20-10, Richardson and NIU responded with a 28-yard field goal for a 23-10 lead which Brown extended to 29-10 at the end of the third on a six-yard rush. The Huskies tacked on 10 points in the fourth quarter on Richardson's last field goal and Waylee's long run.

The NIU defense made one last stop as Izayah Green-May sacked Powell on fourth-and-12 from the NIU 35 with 6:07 to play and the Huskies ran — literally ran — out the clock for their first win since Sept. 1.

NIU concludes its stretch of four road games in five weeks next Saturday, Oct. 22, at Ohio.

## GIRLS: Lady Hubs conclude varsity tennis season Friday

**From page 1**

"Bailey and Marisa didn't come out for the tennis team until last season, so seeing how close they came at the sectional meet

was really cool to see in terms of how much they improved during the season," Cartwright said. "It wasn't a walk in the park for any of our girls this season. Francesca and Torrin

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