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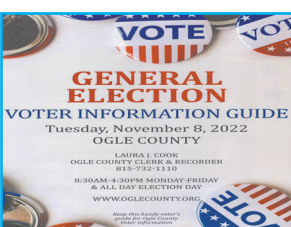
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Council approves strategic plan

Agreement for potential land purchase approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its meeting Tuesday, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a new strategic plan.

The city's original strategic plan was made in 2018. The plan guides the city council and staff as they make decisions going forward. It was put together through feedback from the community, city staff, council members and consulting with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies.

The city's five strategic priority areas from 2018 will be carried over including economic & business development, financial management & stability, community inclusivity & engagement, infrastructure effectiveness and improvement, and core service delivery. New to the most recent plan is quality of life.

High-priority short-term goals in the plan include ensuring sufficient staffing, reassessing current debt strategy, workforce support programming and intergovernmental agreements. Long-term high priorities include continu-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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ing to maintain the city's capital improvement plan, continuing to build trust in the community, development of Illinois Route 251 long-term, continuing to improve and maintain infrastructure and further diversifying commercial and retail business throughout the city.

Airport

The council unanimously approved a consultant services agreement with Hanson Professional Ser-

vices Inc. for work on the acquisition of property adjoining the Rochelle Municipal Airport/Koritz Field.

The city will retain Hanson Professional Services to perform the required services for acquiring the Large Car Rebuilders Inc. property which adjoins the airport property. The acquisition process requires a separate agreement with Hanson Professional Services to proceed with the project.

Services will include compliance verification to national environmental policy, survey services and executing the Illinois Department of Transportation grant agreement. The services are 95 percent reimbursable through federal-state apportionment funds. The federal government will pay for \$23,400 of the work, the state will pay for \$1,300 and the city's portion is \$1,300.

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Hillcrest board grants solar farm variance

Potential UTV ordinance discussed during Wednesday meeting

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

HILLCREST — At Wednesday's monthly meeting of the Hillcrest Village Board, trustees held a public hearing and voted unanimously to extend a special use permit, grant a new variance and make a text amendment to village code for a planned solar farm (Rochelle Solar) within Hillcrest limits.

The board previously granted a variance and special use permit for the project planned by Enel Green Power, but delays in the project brought the company back before the board, as the original variance was only for six months and the special use permit was one year. Enel Green Power originally appeared before the board in April 2021. The new special use permit and the variance will now last until April 14, 2025. Village code was amended because it previously didn't allow for special uses and permits to be that long.

Enel Green Power now anticipates starting construction on the solar farm on the north side of East



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Twombly Road on two parcels in April 2025 with it being operational by the end of 2025. The delays were due to interconnection delays with energy grid companies PJM Interconnection and ComEd. Original hopes for the project to begin were this year or 2023. No

changes were made to the original requests of Enel Green Power besides the time frames.

Sixty megawatts of power will be added to the power grid due to the project once it is operational. That amount can power 20,000 homes. Enel Green Power

has already purchased the land and assured village trustees of its confidence in the project on Wednesday.

"We've already spent millions of dollars on this project throughout the five years of development we've been in," Enel Development Manager Emily

Skill said. "We've purchased the land, we've done hundreds of studies on the land and the system. I want to see this project happen and I'll do everything we can to make sure we get there."

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Ribbon cut for new downtown mural

‘It’s beyond what I could even imagine now that it’s complete’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Thursday afternoon, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new downtown mural commissioned by the City of Rochelle and painted by local artists Mat and Mandey Steder.

The 54-by-24-foot mural is located in the downtown gazebo area on the back of the Hub City Furniture building and depicts flowers and insects. It was painted over about a two-month period by the Steder siblings. Mat owns a tattoo shop downtown and Mandey is a graphic designer.

“We’d like to thank the city and Hub City Furniture for giving us

“We’d like to thank the city and Hub City Furniture for giving us this opportunity,” Mandey said. “We want to thank Michelle for orchestrating this whole event. And we’d like to thank our family and friends and everyone who supported us throughout this entire project. They really made it worth it. We appreciate you all and thank you so much.”

City Community Development Director Michelle Pease reached out to the Steders about the idea earlier this year and there are plans in the works for more potential murals downtown.

“We have talked about doing this for a long, long

time,” Pease said. “I am completely astounded and grateful to the two of you. I saw you out here in the heat working on this. It’s beyond what I could even imagine now that it’s completed. Thank you guys for investing your time and energy.”

The social media and in-person response to the mural has been positive for the Steders and the city. Rochelle Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tricia Herrera led the Thursday ceremony and called the mural a “beautiful, amazing addition to the downtown and

the city.”

City of Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows spoke on behalf of the city and said the mural represented another quality of life amenity for Rochelle.

“People can come down here and enjoy an event or the gazebo and this will brighten up their day,” Bearrows said. “On behalf of the city, I want to thank you both for what you did. It’s absolutely amazing. I hope I get to see some more artwork around the city like this. I really appreciate what you do for our community and everybody coming out today.”

Mandey Steder

HILLCREST: Village water tower in need of inspection

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The project will involve two solar fields named Rochelle I and Rochelle II. Rochelle I is planned to be on the other side of Twombly Road within Rochelle city limits. The Rochelle City Council has already approved an original agreement and extensions. Rochelle II will be in Hillcrest. Land was annexed into the village to pave the way for the project in the past.

The project is permitted for 40 years. Solar panels are typically replaced after 15 years.

“When we do that, we call it a repower,” Skill said. “We’re permitting this project for 40 years, so we’d probably do that twice. And then at that time, it’d be whether we wanted to come back and apply for another special use permit and to re-permit the project for another 40 years.”

UTVs

Village trustees discussed the idea of allowing UTVs (non-highway vehicles) on Hillcrest streets in the future. The vehicles are currently not allowed in the village. After discussion, trustees asked Village Attorney Paul Chadwick to bring them Rochelle’s ordinance that allows UTVs and they plan to examine it, possibly make edits to it, and vote on it in the future.

Other municipalities such as Rochelle require and charge for a registration sticker for UTVs in order for them to drive on local streets. Trustees discussed that Wednesday

and it may be part of a future ordinance.

“They’re driving them in the village anyways,” Village Trustee Rick Rhoads said. “Even if we said no on this, they’re still going to drive them. I told a guy in the village they couldn’t be driven here. And he said, ‘Write me a ticket.’”

The village does not have its own police force and the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office handles police work in the village. Trustees discussed who would enforce a UTV ordinance and talked about the idea of getting a police officer to work in the village or hiring a code enforcement officer.

Water tower

Village Trustee Dan Potter said Wednesday that Hillcrest’s water tower is in need of an inspection and some work done on its overflow tube.

“It was last inspected nine years ago and there were some recommendations made then for work that should be done that apparently was not done,” Potter said. “Now we’re in a position where we need to have it re-inspected and have some work done. Our overflow tube is completely blocked, which means we can’t drain it quickly among other things. We will have it inspected to see what the work is going to entail. Since the work wasn’t done to the top end previously with the filters for it, it’s completely blocked up right now. They’ll come out and do that and it’ll cost \$1,350. We’ll see what we need to do from there.”

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LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL: HUB Program receives state grant funding

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The district recently had to reapply for the Illinois State Board of Education Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant cycle. The district was originally awarded the grant 10 years ago, and five years after that, the state decided the awardees of the original cycle would get an automatic rollover for five more years.

Nambo and Superintendent Jason Harper said the district has not yet officially been told the amount it will be receiving, but in the past the grant has always supplied the amount that the district was approved for.

"We keep asking our correspondents and consultants for information on how much funding we'll receive," Harper said. "Those of us involved in the process are trying to exercise extreme caution. We're just waiting for final confirmations and details. We did feel comfortable enough to announce that we have been approved for this year and then two years after this year. It's great news for Ms. Nambo and all of our teachers, students and parents involved in that program. Full steam ahead and thank you to Ms. Nambo for your continued leadership."

Nambo said the HUB Program started off with low numbers this year due to uncertainty with the grant funding. 128 students are currently enrolled in the program and the district will look to increase that number. The district currently has a waitlist for the HUB

Program, Nambo said. Rochelle Middle School currently has the lowest HUB Program numbers in the district, and staff is working to increase those numbers and the amount of students that continue to participate after moving on from elementary school.

Nambo said the program wants to start a mentoring group with high school students at Central School and focus on engaging more with parents and the community for the program at Lincoln School.

The HUB Program will need to add more teachers to be able to accommodate all of the students on its waitlist.

Buses

The board unanimously gave its approval to go out for bids for the purchase of two 2023 or newer 77-passenger buses for July 2023. Bid recommendations will be brought to the board for review and approval.

District Transportation Directors Sherri Smith and Sheila Herrmann have made it known the district needs to replace "several" buses.

The district is looking to get ahead with the process due to supply chain shortages for vehicles. The buses that are planned to be replaced will be kept until the new ones are received.

Safety

Harper said the district has started its safety & security review process at its schools. One building has been reviewed and there will be full-scale



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

During Tuesday's meeting of the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education, HUB Program Director Yazmin Nambo said that the district will be receiving grant funding to continue the HUB Program.

feedback during the second semester.

"As the review goes on, the objective is to hone and sharpen some of the facility things we have going on and the behavioral processes we implement along with technology and other things relating to the review," Harper said. "I wanted to make the board aware that we're moving forward with this and the changes or modifications that come as a result of it will be made known to the staff and the public."

PTO

Tilton Elementary School Principal Becky Cox presented an update on the District 231 Parent Teacher Organization.

Cox said a Fannie May fundraiser is ongoing until Oct. 18 and the results of the program last year were "really positive" for the

district and more parent volunteers have come on board this year.

Yearbooks will be available this year for each individual school due to new PTO volunteers after they were not last year.

Potential future events for the PTO include a movie night, a book fair and a family dance in the late winter/early spring. The elementary district PTO's next meeting is Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

BPAC

District ELL Director Celeste Canfield presented an update on the District 231 Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee. The BPAC currently has about 20 active parents as members and is used to get feedback on programming and to hold fundraisers.

Canfield is also involved in the district's

Dual Language Parent Alliance group for parents of children in its dual language program.

"We want to get them involved and for them to have a bird's eye view of what their children are learning," Canfield said. "We solicit feedback and we try to plan for different events for them to be involved in. We have 25-30 active members now. It's held the same night as our BPAC meeting. BPAC is specifically in Spanish, and dual language is offered in English. They're welcome to be a part of both organizations."

Employment

The board unanimously approved certificated personnel changes including the transfers of Holly Schatz (fourth grade dual language teacher at Tilton School to substitute) and

Kimberly Lumzy (ELL instructional support to fourth grade teacher at Tilton School). Support staff changes were unanimously approved including the employment of Melissa Messer (para-professional at HUB Program at Lincoln School, part-time) and Ryleigh Baiocco (para-professional at Lincoln School) and the retirement of Richard Bearrows (food delivery/mail truck driver, part-time).

Crawford board

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Pat Casey, Diane Kenney and Todd Prusator to two-year terms on the David Crawford Foundation Board of Directors. Their terms will expire in October 2024.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Gary D. Sprague

DEKALB—Gary Dee Sprague, 80, of DeKalb passed away Tuesday, Oct. 11 in his home on Earl Court with his niece Lori and great niece Sarah by his side. He is preceded in death by his parents Earl and Hattie Sprague, brothers Arlo Sprague, Elden Sprague and sister June Keiswetter.

He was born Aug. 13, 1942 and grew up with his siblings on his father's farm in Kansas. He graduated in 1960 from Northern Valley High School in Almena, Kansas. From then he went on and served in the United States Army as an X-ray technician. He worked for Delmonte for 35 years, retired, and settled in DeKalb.

He had an array of hobbies and interests. He was a lifelong bicyclist. He loved countless sports, especially baseball, and was a Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed a variety of music genres. He was an active sports and talk radio subscriber, reader, board/card gamer and crossword master. He valued "rating" products, was opinionated and competitive. He delighted in spending time with his many nieces and nephews. He was a venturesome, fun and devoted uncle (funcle).

The family would like to give special thanks to the nurses of ProMedica Hospice that cared for our uncle in his final days as well as Finch Funeral



Home and Crematorium for their service. Donations to foundation of your choice can be made in lieu of flowers.

Graveside service will be held at the Fairview Park Cemetery in DeKalb on Friday, Oct. 14 at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Marty Marks of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to: Finch Funeral Home 310 Oak St. DeKalb, IL, 60115 (815) 758-3841.

Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Deputies respond to medical call

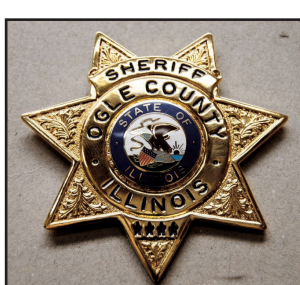
OREGON — On Oct. 11 at 7:45 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Lafayette Street in Byron. As a result, Adam E. Moschel, 56, of Monroe Center was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Moschel was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 2:21 a.m. deputies responded to the 300 block of North Prairie Avenue in Polo in reference to a medical call. After investigation, deputies placed Eric Deery, 41, of Amboy, under arrest for violation of bond conditions. Deery was transported to the Ogle

County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.

On Oct. 12 at 9:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at Illinois Route 64 and Interstate 39. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Jose Ortiz-Molina of Rockford, for driving while license revoked. Ortiz-Molina was transported to Ogle County Jail and released to corrections officers. Ortiz-Molina was also issued a citation for equipment.

On Oct. 12 at approximately 11:25 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Skare Road. After a brief investigation,



deputies arrested David A. Horvath, 53, of Ottumwa, Iowa, for driving while license suspended. Horvath was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Horvath was also cited for no valid registration, improper display of registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. After a further investigation, deputies also arrested Nikki L. Carr, 37, of Ottomwa, Iowa, for possession of a controlled substance and violation of the drug paraphernalia act. Carr was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held with no bond, pending an appearance before a judge.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Report

Officers make several arrests

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 11 at 10 p.m. Alice M. Garcia, 44, of Kirkland was arrested for retail theft. She was released on an I-Bond was given a Nov. 18 Ogle County court date.

On Oct. 11 at 10 p.m. Brian A. Skiba, 35, of Kirkland was arrested for retail theft. He was released on an I-Bond was given a Nov. 18 Ogle

County court date.

On Oct. 12 at 3:03 p.m. Christopher D. Weber, 34, of Freeport was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Oct. 13 at 12:08 p.m. Gabriel M. Ujcic, 22, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Oct. 13 at 3:22 p.m. Stephanie A. O'Neill, 33,

of Rochelle was arrested for violation of bond conditions and transferred.

On Oct. 13 at 8:07 a.m. Bertrand J. Cote, 101, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 18 Rochelle court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



CHS Elburn donates auger to Steward Fire Station

CHS Elburn recently donated a grain bin rescue auger to the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Steward Station.

County hosting recycling and food drive event Oct. 28

OREGON — The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling event and a food drive on Friday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (note time change) at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon.

A free permit is required in advance to attend the event. Obtain a free permit for this event by calling the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 or via email at solidwaste@ogle-countyil.gov. Include your name, address and phone number in your email request. Permit deadline is

Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Items accepted at this event include all televisions, computers, monitors, computer hardware and cables, laptops, tablets, cell phones, printers, desktop copiers, FAX machines, DVD/VCRs, stereo equipment, radios, boom boxes, video game equipment, phone systems, holiday light strands, rechargeable batteries, and other assorted electronics. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 per unit fee. A comprehensive list of accepted items will be included with your permit. Limit seven large items per permit. Note time change, this event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No material will be accepted after 1 p.m.

Items such as vacuum cleaners, fans, heaters, dehumidifiers, appliances, lights, smoke detectors, motors/pumps, coffee makers, grills, toasters, and bread makers are not accepted at this event. No



business or institutional electronics accepted.

Please remember the less fortunate in our community and bring a non-perishable food item to the event to be donated. All donations will be distributed by the OCSWMD to local food pantries across Ogle County. Items accepted include non-expired cans and jars of food and boxed food items. Also, household essentials such as sealed toothpaste, soap, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper towels and such are accepted.

Call the OCSWMD at the number above for a free permit or for more information about recycling options in Ogle County.

ALDI debuts new fresh store layout

ROCHELLE—ALDI welcomed shoppers back to its renovated Rochelle store when it reopened Thursday, Oct. 6. The store at 1251 N. Seventh St., is part of an ongoing initiative to remodel and expand existing ALDI stores. ALDI is on track to open 150 new stores and become the third-largest U.S. grocery retailer by store count by the end of this year, a press release said. The Rochelle store will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

The first 100 customers received a gift bag filled with a sampling of ALDI fan favorite products and a gift card as part of the ALDI Golden Ticket gift card giveaway program. Shoppers also had the chance enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a \$500 ALDI gift card. The updated store pro-

vides an improved layout and ample refrigeration to accommodate an expanded fresh and convenient food selection. It also features open ceilings and natural lighting, and it is built with environmentally friendly materials.

"Like all ALDI stores, the remodeled Rochelle location still offers a streamlined shopping experience and low prices in every aisle, but customers will notice the elevated design," the press release said.

"We have invested in remodeling our stores to ensure they are designed to make grocery shopping smarter, faster and easier," said Laura Branneman, Batavia regional vice president for ALDI. "With the updated Rochelle store, shoppers will notice a new look with more fresh and convenient items at the reliably low prices ALDI fans rave about."

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LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Council approves special use permit for CSC

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Airport Manager Mike Hudetz said the purchase is about a 20-step process and it will come back before the council in the future. “This has been on our radar for quite a while, so I’m glad to see us move forward with this,” Mayor John Bearrows said.

Solar

The council unanimously approved a special use permit for Chicagoland Skydiving Center at 1207 Gurler Road to install a solar generation system. Any use in airport zoning requires a special use permit to be approved by the city. CSC will cover both its hangar and office building with a total of 424 solar panels with a maximum net rated output of 140

kilowatts. An interconnection agreement has already been approved with the city and FAA approval is the responsibility of CSC.

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh called the solar installment “a very good project” and said a solar rate approved last year will be used. “CSC doesn’t have any battery backup, so it’s about 2.9 cents that we buy any excess power back for,” Fiegenschuh said. “We’re looking at buying power right now for some of our hydroponics, and any off-peak power right now is going for over 10 cents. Anything we can do to promote solar and shed our load, we need to do that.”

Roofing

The council unanimously approved a proposal

from Tip Top Roofing and Construction Inc. for the replacement of the roof of the downtown Rochelle Municipal Utilities building at 333 Lincoln Highway for \$26,795. The city received proposals from six roofing contractors and the Tip Top Roofing bid was the lowest. The work will be completed this year.

Election

Candidate packets are now available at the city clerk’s office at city hall. Up for election is one four-year, full-term mayor and three four-year, full-term council members. City residents running for the office must file as if there will be a primary election involving five or more candidates for the office of mayor and 13 or more candidates for the office of council member.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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If required, the consolidated primary election would be held on Feb. 28, 2023. If there are not five or more candidates for the office of mayor or 13 or more candidates for the office of council member,

there will not be a primary and the names of the candidates will be placed on the ballot for the consolidated general election which is held April, 4, 2023. The city clerk’s office will be open 8-4:30 p.m.

on Nov. 21-23 and from 8-5 p.m. on Nov. 28 for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates for the consolidated primary election and city hall will be closed Nov. 24-25 for Thanksgiving.

Rochelle Area

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church Missouri Synod 16060 E. Lindenwood Road, Lindenwood, IL 61049. Rev. Dr. Matthew Rosebrock. Church Phone 393-4500. Church Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christian Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Rochelle United Methodist Church, Rochelle United Methodist Church wishes everyone a happy and healthy fall! Everyone is welcome here! We believe that everyone is created in the image of God, and we are all forgiven and loved by God. We celebrate our differences as gifts from God for each other. Come be a part of an accepting fellowship with us! **Rev. Dr. Katherine Thomas Paisley, Pastor.** 709 Fourth Ave. (815) 562-2164. admin@rochelleumc.com. **Sunday worship is at 9:00 am** with Sunday School for children after the Children’s Message. Recorded services are available on our YouTube channel and our website at www.rochelleumc.com. Our services are on the radio (93.5 FM) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. **Our Facebook page is** www.facebook.com/rochelleumc. Bible study is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, studying Acts – and in October it is preceded by a Soup Supper at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! Beginning October 30 and through November 27, worship will focus on “A Place at the Table,” and we will celebrate communion with an open table each week of the series. Everyone is welcome and everyone is loved!

St. Patrick Catholic Church Rev. Jesus Dominguez; Deacon Fermin Garcia; Deacon George Schramm; 244 Kelley Dr. (Corner of Kelley & Caron Rd.), PO Box 329, Rochelle, IL 61068. **Office Hours:** 9:00 AM-4PM Monday-Thursday, Phone: 815-562-2370. **Mass times:** 8:00 AM Monday-Thursday, Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM English, 7PM Spanish, Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM in English and 11:00 AM in Spanish. **Confessions:** Monday 8:30AM & 6:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM, Saturday 8:30am & 4:00-4:45 PM Or by appointment. **Religious Education:** Deacon George Schramm, Director of Religious Education. 903 Caron Road, Rochelle, IL 61068, 815-561-0079 Website: stpatrickrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Renewed focus on civics education is critical

I'm preparing to teach a class at Southern Illinois University next spring on restoring American statesmanship and am struck by the critical connection between engaged citizenship and successful statesmanship. Put simply, active citizens expect — and even demand — more from their leaders than less engaged ones. Informed and concerned citizens care about good government and often reward public officials who provide it. Citizenship, in turn, is undergirded by an understanding of, and respect for, American history and government.

Numerous reports reveal declining knowledge about U.S. history in both our students and adults. A recent conversation with a terrific student who is now in medical school made this tangible to me. He is a serious and diligent young man with wide-ranging interests. In fact, the first

time I met him he was reading Homer's "The Odyssey"— for fun, or at least personal enrichment.

During our conversation, I made a reference to the Marshall Plan, the historic American program to rebuild Europe after World War II and arguably one of our nation's greatest accomplishments. The student looked puzzled and said he had never heard of the Marshall Plan.

This surprised and saddened me. How is it possible that a highly motivated and deeply curious college student is not aware of the Marshall Plan?

I don't blame the young man. I blame our education system. To me, this suggests that our schools are not doing an adequate job in civics education. This results in adults who do not understand our nation's history or the structure of our government and are less likely to be engaged citizens.

Annual surveys by the

Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania show the American public is not well informed on the basics of our history and government. This year's report revealed that less than half of Americans surveyed could name all three branches of the federal government and less than a quarter knew that freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assembly, and the right to petition are rights listed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"When it comes to civics, knowledge is power," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, the director of the Center, when announcing this year's findings. "We are unlikely to cherish, protect, and exercise rights if we don't know that we have them."

The good news is that

there are people and organizations confronting this challenge.

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor established iCivics about a decade ago to teach the fundamental principles of civics to middle and high school students with free online interactive games and courses

that make learning fun, relevant and effective. This program continues to generate creative approaches to teaching civics.

There is bipartisan legislation pending in the U.S. House (HR 1814) and Senate (S 4348) called "The Civics Secures Democracy Act" which is worthy of careful study.

The bill authorizes \$1 billion annually over five years for civics education, primarily to states and school districts. It also provides competitive grants



John T. Shaw

How breast cancer changes the rules

"BOYS don't cry." That was the oft repeated refrain my father said to my brother and me growing up. If one of us fell and skinned our knees, it was, "Knock it off, boys don't cry."

It didn't matter if we were 4 or 5. Crying was a sign of weakness and of questionable masculinity.

When I was 8, our dog Princess died on Christmas Day after licking up some pesticide stored in a shed. It was a stiff upper lip for me. No crying was allowed. Dad was watching.

The rules for manhood were well defined for him. When our pastor showed up for a church cookout wearing a pair of pink golf trousers, we heard about it all the way home: "It's inappropriate for a man to dress that way."

Neither my brother nor

I wore pink growing up. Ever.

A strange thing happened as my dad aged, he learned to cry. The first time I saw it, it was disconcerting like witnessing a dam break or feeling the earth shift off its axis.

It was just strange. The tears raced down his cheeks. My brother was ill and he couldn't do anything to save him.

"Incurable" was a word that didn't compute with my father. He was a fixer, a magician with his hands. Whether it was getting a seized auger to rotate, repairing a malfunctioning fuel pump or getting a downed cow with milk fever to stand: He fixed the situation.

But when my brother Danny was afflicted with a rare and incurable liver disease, tears flowed. Didn't

he remember what he taught us? Boys don't cry.

Despite the tears, Danny died at age 48.

When I moved into adulthood, I occasionally would wear a pink dress shirt with a teal tie. I didn't feel emasculated.

But in Las Vegas, my editor, Mike O'Callaghan, a one-legged Marine, Korean War veteran and former governor of Nevada would loudly condemn any man wearing pink in his presence.

I was unaware of this until I showed up for work one day wearing one of my favorite dress shirts. His voice roared across the newsroom, "Hey, Reeder. What are you doing wearing pink?" Some sort of homophobic

comment followed.

The other men in the newsroom whispered, "Never wear pink around Mike."

Was it something about that generation? I don't know. But he grew up half a continent away from my father and they had the same ideas.

Not long after I returned to Illinois, my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Dad became the caregiver for his partner of 59 years.

I remember him gripping her right hand while I held her left at her bedside.

As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, "Save a place for me in heaven." Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed.



Scott Reeder

We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone.

The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to Mom: family.

Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames.

A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories.

For me, June 2, 2013, will always be a day of sadness. But for my dad it marked a tragedy from which he never recovered.

We thought it was a good idea to occasionally get him away from the home he had shared with

Despite many mistakes of omission and commission by America and Americans, the overall story of the United States — and Illinois — is impressive and inspiring.

I hope to persuade my students this spring that few nations have had leaders of the caliber of an Abraham Lincoln or a George Marshall — and that their wisdom and bravery was supported by wise and brave citizens.

We will need this level of statesmanship and citizenship in the years ahead.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU Carbondale. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government. Editor's Note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author's own.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote for our interests, not the rich

DEAR editor, With the new Congressional map, we get stuck with Congressman LaHood who voted against the Contraceptives bill. Our current

Congressman Kinzinger voted FOR the Contraceptives bill.

Lisa Haderlein, LaHood's opponent, supports the Contraceptives bill. Also critical is her view support-

ing nuclear power plants like Byron while downstate LaHood favors coal.

The GOP has also developed a plan to make Social Security and Medicare programs be required to

be voted on annually (Sen. Ron Johnson's plan) or every five years (Sen. Rick Scott's plan). The reason is if businesses no longer have to kick in their share, they get almost a 10 percent bump

in profits. And millions of Americans will get left holding the bag.

Think about where you and your family would be without birth control, nuclear energy, Social Security

and Medicare. If you need them, vote for Lisa Haderlein. Not a downstate GOP candidate we don't know.

Pam Farris
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COMMUNITY

Crawford elected ISAPN president

ROCHELLE — On Tuesday, Rochelle Community Hospital congratulated Dr. Stephanie D. Crawford, DNP, APRN, who has been elected president of the Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nursing (ISAPN).

ISAPN is a professional organization dedicated to promoting and advocating for advanced practiced registered nurses. ISAPN

members take leadership roles in today's health care fields and are knowledgeable about the issues that surround their profession.

Dr. Crawford has been a family medicine provider at the Family Healthcare Clinic at RCH since January 2017. She is a board-certified adult nurse practitioner and also board certified as an advanced hospice and palliative care nurse.

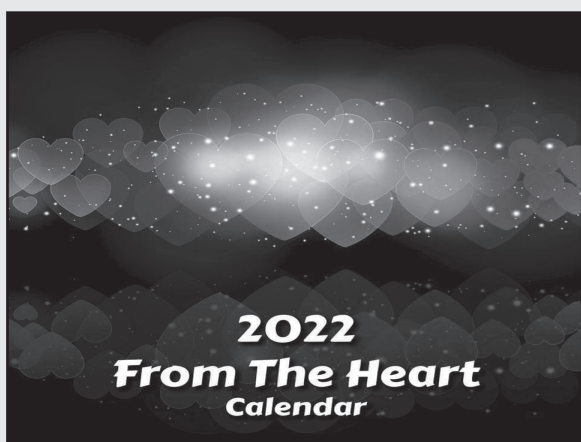


Dr. Stephanie D. Crawford, DNP, APRN



Fat Cat Slots donates to VCCT

Dianne Jenner receives a benefit donation for the Vince Carney Community Theatre from Barb Manning at Fat Cat Slots. Fat Cat Slots donates monthly to nonprofit organizations in the area.



- Sept. 20 - Connor Girot, Louisville, \$25
- Sept. 21 - Marcee Semple, Byron, \$25
- Sept. 22 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 23 - Margaret Danek, Kings, \$25
- 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
- Oct. 3 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25
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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
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Bo Bridgeman
Oct. 22
Kayleigh White

Allie Dolister
Oct. 24
Brittany Brown
Oct. 25
Bianca Herrera
Oct. 27
Rachel Cruz

Oct. 28
Stephanie Wiginton
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Oct. 30
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Oct. 31
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Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries

Coffee Break

MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Immediately Following Sunset**

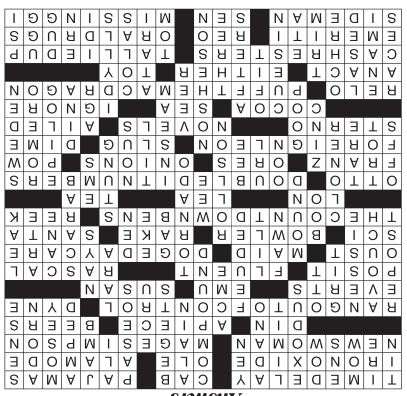
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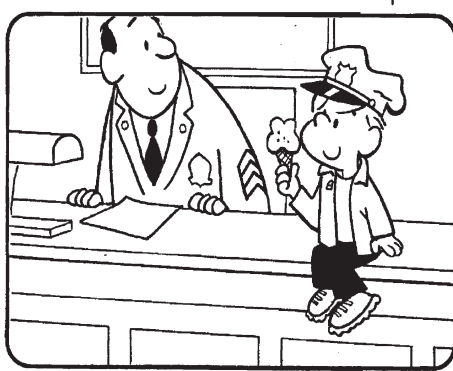


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

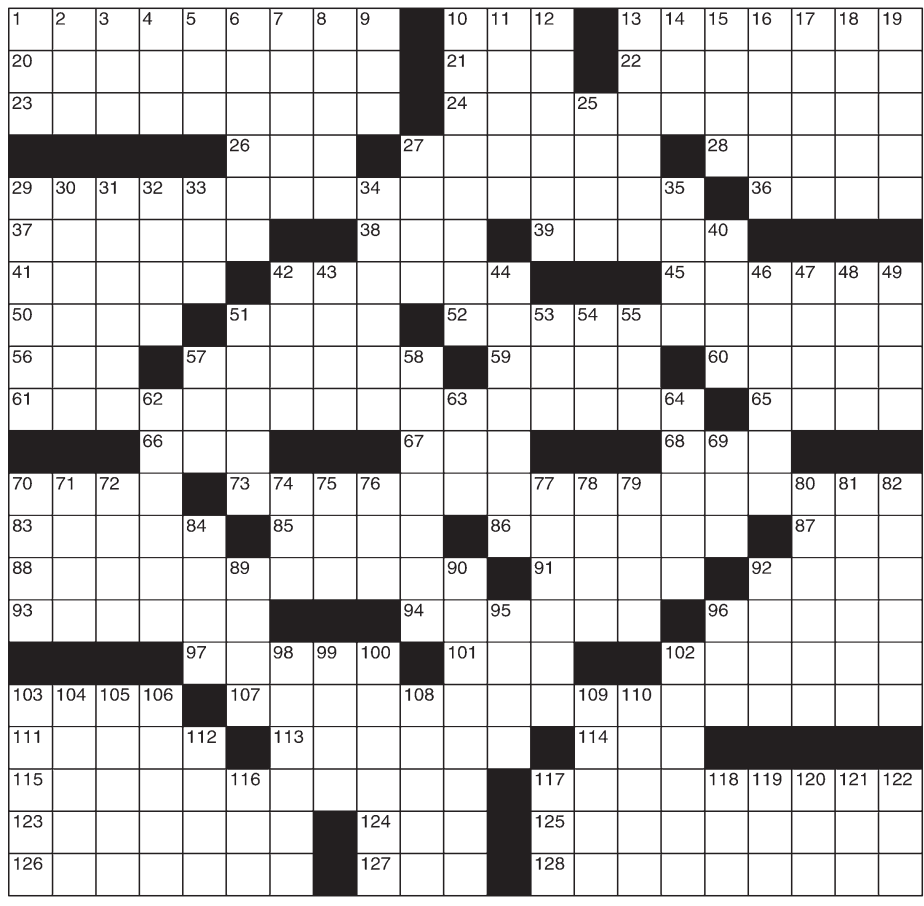


Differences: 1. Lamp is smaller. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Badge is upside down. 4. Container is missing. 5. Ice cream is missing. 6. Cap is different.

Super Crossword

AWOL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lag
10 Hailed ride
13 Nightwear
20 Rust, essentially
21 Corrida cheer
22 Topped with ice cream
23 Katie Couric or Diane Sawyer
24 Spell-casting cartoon infant?
26 Commotion
27 Per unit
28 Brewskis
29 Chimed unstopably?
36 Unit of force
37 Turns inside out
38 Outback bird
39 Sarandon of "Alfie"
41 Put forward
42 Able to speak easily
45 Cheeky kid
50 Depose
51 Alice, for the Bradys
52 Where old Venetian magistrates dropped off their tots to be watched?
56 — fi flick
57 One trying for strikes
- 59 Lawn tool
60 He has a famous lap
61 Stiller and Affleck co-hosting a New Year's Eve special?
65 Really smell
66 Chaney of horror
67 Grazing field
68 Oolong, e.g.
70 Preminger of film
73 2 and 8, in Morse code?
83 Writer Kafka
85 Sources of 1-Down and 84-Down
86 Eye-irritating bulbs
87 "Kaboom!"
88 Boxer Spinks, to non-Americans?
91 Slimy garden crawler
92 With 94-Across, old hack paperbacks
93 Big name in canned heat
94 See 92-Across
96 Was sick
97 Hot winter quaff
101 Salty water
102 Snub
- 103 Move, to Realtors
107 Song about a fire breather who uses Apple computers?
111 Put on — (pretend)
113 One or the other
114 Child's amuser
115 People who relax by listening to singer Johnny?
117 Calculated the total of
123 Honored academic retirees
124 Antique car
125 Medications taken by mouth
126 One backing up a soloist
127 Mem. of Congress
128 AWOL soldier ... or a feature of eight answers in this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1 Element in bronze
2 Mad feeling
3 Groom grass
4 Nav. officer
5 The "D" of DJIA
6 Mass emigration
7 Highest or lowest point
8 "A Bell for —"
9 Hankering
10 Having two or more parts
11 "Mr. Klein" star Delon
12 Gives rise to
13 Toyotas of the 1990s
14 Boxing's "Greatest"
15 Doorframe part
16 Fired (up)
17 Saunter
18 Ornament
19 Smell or taste
25 Tan shade
27 Highest point
29 Put on a blog again, e.g.
30 Affirm
31 Loch monster moniker
32 Bits of sand
33 Ex-Giant Mel
34 Quarreled bitterly
35 Tomb-raiding Croft
40 Antis' votes
42 Doe's baby
43 Cheery tune
44 Twister
46 Jewelry beetle
47 Rattan
48 Comedian Johnson
49 Pipe problem
51 Pitcher's spot
53 Chatter idly
54 Squeak (out)
55 Bear's retreat
57 Spooky cry
58 Applies, as some deodorant
62 One making an exact copy
63 Really small
64 Smarted
69 Gp. mobilized by a 911 call
70 Rip- — (flimflams)
71 Jogging pace
72 Weight deduction
74 Ending for buff or bass
75 Address for a techie
76 Apiary buzzer
77 Pant-length measurement
78 Money tray
79 Entre —
80 Literary last words
81 "Batman" actor Cesar
82 Ikea's home
84 Element in bronze
89 Hair gel, e.g.
90 Eats as a snack
92 Actress Merrill or Spybey
95 Swerve
96 The "A" of USDA
98 Brings up to speed
99 "Don't believe a word —!"
100 Dessert, to Brits
102 Rustic poems
103 Goes fast
104 As a friend, in French
105 Zapped with light
106 Earthy tone, to Brits
108 One more than a pair
109 Old game console
110 Soft drinks
112 Light haircut
116 Guess at Sea-Tac
117 Male turkey
118 Exiled Amin
119 Suffix with northeast
120 Used a spade
121 Fleece-lined boot brand
122 Chi follower



LOCAL NEWS

‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ begins Oct. 21

ROCHELLE — What kind of show should people attending the upcoming play “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” expect?

“It is a really good mix of drama and comedy, and with a bit of suspense also,” Heather Arreguin, assistant director of the Vince Carney Community Theatre show, explained. The show runs Oct. 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

While the show does have humorous parts, it is not a show for youngsters. Arreguin said it would have a mature audience (MA) rating, because of language, sexual references and a little violence.

“‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ is more than just a comedy about a guy faking mental illness to avoid prison,” Will Mingus, director of the show, explained. It is a story about who gets to define normal and about what happens when someone has the audacity to question the status quo.”

The story revolves around Randle P. Mc-

Murphy as he is committed to a mental institution to escape a prison work farm.

McMurphy, played by Curt Helgren in the VCCT show, is loud, boisterous, independent and unafraid. He seeks to maintain that free spirit attitude in a mental ward run by Nurse Ratched, played by Amy Frank, who does not abide free spirits.

The story is told in large part by Chief Bromden, played by Terry Camplain, who has been in the ward for a long time and is assumed to be deaf and dumb.

McMurphy and Ratched clash, and in the end only one will come out on top.

Also in the cast are Jensyn Mingus, Alex Cremeans, Douglas Rappa, Michael Hynek, Steve Frank, Terry Dickow, Jessica Garrison, Todd Burghardt, Jessica Morris, Kimberly Ekes, Arreguin and Johanna Whitaker.

Tickets are on sale through the VCCT website: vcct.rochelle.org.

Tickets are \$15 per person and will also be sold at the door each night of the



(COURTESY PHOTO)

From left to right Douglas Rappa, Steve Frank, Terry Camplain, Curt Helgren, Alex Cremeans and Director Will Mingus watching an imaginary baseball game.

show at the Lincoln Arts Center, formerly Lincoln School at 108 S. Main St.

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” is a book by Ken Kesey that became an international best seller.

It was made into a movie and earned Academy awards for best picture, best actor, (Jack Nicholson) and best actress (Louise Fletcher).

The VCCT show has a

large cast.

“Directing such a large cast in a community theater production is a bit like herding cats,” Mingus said. “Getting all the actors together to rehearse amid

their already busy lives is a challenge, and I tip my hat to every one of them for pulling it off.”

Why not come next week and see for yourself how they did.

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RTHS Boys Soccer

Seniors shine in win

Rochelle celebrates Senior Night with 5-0 victory over Ottawa on Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team had a chance to cut loose and have fun on Wednesday, when the team closed out the regular season with its Senior Night match against the Ottawa Pirates. Rochelle honored nine seniors including Caleb Johnson, Jack Anderson, Jace Whitehead, Nolan Fonfara, Christian Harding, Jarett Milan, Jared Montano, Diego Cincire and manager Jasmin Hernandez.

Rotating several players on and off the field, the Hubs moved the ball around and created multiple scoring opportunities throughout the match. Junior forward Diego Salazar led the offense with two goals, while the senior goalkeeper Milan led the defense in a 5-0 shutout win against the Pirates. Rochelle (11-8, 5-2 Interstate 8) will have one full week to prepare for its IHSA 2A Sycamore Regional Semifinal matchup against Kaneland next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

“Our defense has im-



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team honored its nine seniors after Wednesday’s Interstate 8 Conference match against Ottawa. Above from left to right are Caleb Johnson, Jack Anderson, Jace Whitehead, Nolan Fonfara, Christian Harding, Jarett Milan, Jared Montano, Diego Cincire and manager Jasmin Hernandez.

proved a lot,” Milan said. “We’ve been a lot more solid back there and I feel like we have a really good group. It feels great to win and we definitely feel that we have the skills to beat Kaneland. Our defense has been strong and we need to find ways to score goals.”

Looking to close out their Interstate 8 Conference slate with a win, the Hubs took an early lead over Ottawa on Wednesday, with senior midfielders Montano and Whitehead connecting for a goal in the seventh minute before Whitehead assisted Salazar inside the Pirate box for another goal during the 10th minute. A long-range blast from Montano in the 28th minute soared past the Ottawa goalkeeper to give the Hubs a 3-0 advantage, which stood at the halftime buzzer.

“Our flow has been amazing lately and we’ve worked a lot on that,” Harding said. “We want to have fun out here and that’s something we weren’t doing at the start of the season. We’ve been working on moving the ball around defensively and that’s helped us a lot. It’s a really positive feeling to win on Senior Night and I think all the time we’ve put in is really starting to show.”

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RTHS Volleyball

Hot-and-cold week concludes for Lady Hubs

Rochelle falls against LaSalle-Peru after Tuesday road win over Kaneland

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Thursday’s Interstate 8 Conference home match against the LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers concluded a hot-and-cold week for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team.

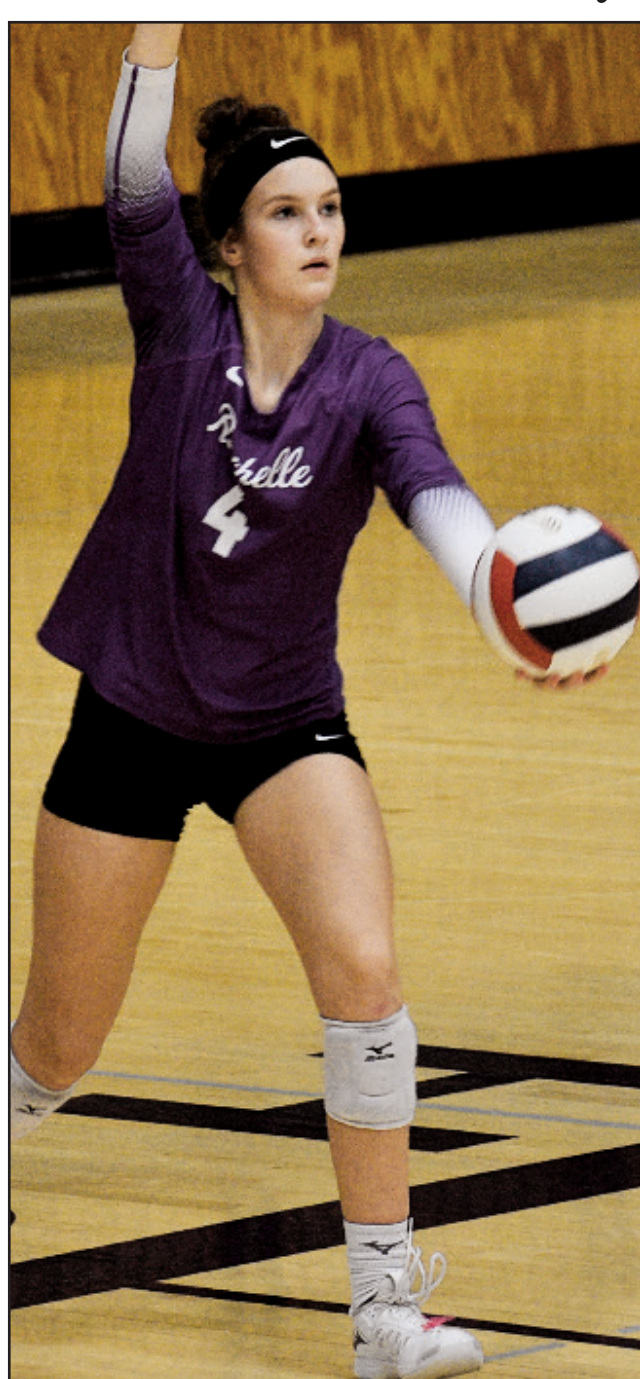
Looking to build on a statement win over the Kaneland Knights on Tuesday, Rochelle’s energy fell flat against the Cavaliers, with LaSalle-Peru erasing a six-point deficit in the second set and closing the match on an 18-7 run to hand the Lady Hubs a 22-25, 20-25 loss. Rochelle (16-13-3, 7-5 Interstate 8) will hit the road for a conference match against Morris next Tuesday at 6 p.m.


“We were flat tonight and the overall feel of the gym was flat,” head coach Molly Sly said. “We were flat in the first set and we talked during our huddle about coming out strong and not dropping that first set. Isela [Vasquez] and Macy [Ramos] showed some fire near the end of the match, but we can’t wait until the end to show that fire. It has to start from the first point.”

Rochelle scored the first three points of the match, taking a slim lead in the first set before a 4-1 run from the Cavaliers allowed LaSalle-Peru to even the score at 15-15. Hitting errors hurt the Lady Hubs, who committed 12 of them while finishing with 24 kills in the match. Sophomore Taelynn Rodeghero led the offense with seven kills, while senior Addie Friestad and junior Kennedy Adamski each recorded five kills. Sophomore Ali Ohlinger dished out 15 assists.

“We had our hot moments and our cold moments this week,” Sly said. “Hopefully our girls can remember this feeling and how it doesn’t feel good. We need to come out next week with more fire and we need to compete. I think we’re going to be extremely fired up for the regional.”

With Ohlinger behind the service line, Rochelle rallied for a 5-0 run early in the second set to take a 10-5 lead over the Cavaliers. The Lady Hubs surged ahead 13-7 before LaSalle-Peru began finding holes in the Rochelle defense, using several tips to drop balls in the middle of the defense and score points at the net. Untimely service errors down the stretch allowed the Cavaliers to build a large enough cushion late in the second set to seal the conference win.





(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Lady Hub varsity volleyball team hosted LaSalle-Peru for an Interstate 8 Conference match on Thursday. At left, sophomore Ali Ohlinger prepares to serve. At right, senior Macy Ramos passes the ball forward.

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SPORTS

GIRLS: Lady Hubs to host IHSA 3A Regional in Rochelle

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Senior Macy Ramos totaled 11 digs to lead the Rochelle defense on Thursday, while senior Isela Vasquez added 10 digs and Ohlinger finished with nine digs. Adamski and senior Payton Hale each blocked two shots for the Lady Hubs, who will host the IHSA 3A Rochelle Regional as the No. 5 seed and host the No. 4 seed Fenton on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

"There's such a thing as home-court advantage and we're fortunate to have that for the regional," Sly said. "It's amazing how much the momentum of the match can shift and how much the crowd can play a role in that. We're looking forward to being in that environment."

Kaneland

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team knocked off the No. 1 ranked team in the Interstate 8 Conference on Tuesday, outlasting Kane-land 17-25, 25-21, 25-13 to split the season series with the Knights.

Sophomore Taelynn Rodeghero led the offense



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Payton Hale prepares to serve during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against LaSalle-Peru on Thursday.

with 16 kills, while three players including seniors Addie Friestad, Payton Hale and junior Kennedy Adamski each added five kills. Sophomore Ali Ohlinger distributed 29 assists

and recorded 11 digs on defense, with senior Macy Ramos compiled 10 digs and two players including Hale and sophomore Dempsey Atkinson each notching seven digs.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team was all smiles after Tuesday's road win against Kaneland. The Knights were the No. 1 team in the Interstate 8.



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team defeated Ottawa 5-0 on Wednesday. Above, freshman midfielder Heilly Zepeda races Ottawa's Michael Bedolla for the ball. Below, sophomore defender Luis Milan challenges for possession.

HUBS: Rochelle wins regular season finale against Ottawa

From page 1

Freshman forward Kevin Orozco came off the bench and scored during the 45th minute, capitalizing on a breakaway chance and sending a right-footed shot into the Pirate net. Salazar iced the Rochelle win with a goal in the 57th minute, catching Ottawa's defense sleeping with a left-footed bender from outside the box that skied over the Pirate defensive line and into the net.

Next Wednesday's regional matchup will be the third meeting this season between the No. 6 seed Rochelle and the No. 3 seed Kaneland. The Knights edged the Hubs in both matchups, winning 2-1 early in the season and 2-1 a second time during the conference tournament.



"We need to lock them down in the middle because we feel that's their strength," Harding said.

"They like to use their through balls and it's over for us if they're able to get those balls through."

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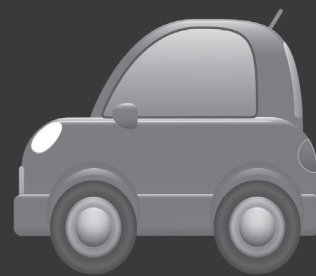
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NIU Football

NIU scores 25 fourth-quarter points but Rockets emerge with 52-32 victory

Toledo scored on the opening drive of the contest. A 43-yard completion from Dequan Finn to Jerjuan Newton moved the Rockets inside the NIU 15-yard line and four plays later the pair connected again for a four-yard touchdown to give Toledo

With less than four minutes to play before halftime, the Rockets had their second interception return for a touchdown as Mitchell picked off a Hampton pass and returned it 20 yards to put Toledo in front, 35-7.

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Following a successful two-point conversion pass from Hampton to Liam Soraghan, NIU recovered an onside kick at mid-field. The Huskies scored again as John Richardson (Orland Park, Ill./Brother Rice) converted a 46-yard field goal to trim the Toledo advantage to 45-18.

In the final minute, Hampton completed his second touchdown pass of the day, connecting with Drew Cassens (Downers

"I love the fight of the players," said Hammock. "They could have easily laid down and that could have been 60-7 or something like that but they fought back, they gave themselves a chance to at least get some momentum moving forward, but we have to figure out a way to be more effective. You turn the ball over four times, you have no chance."

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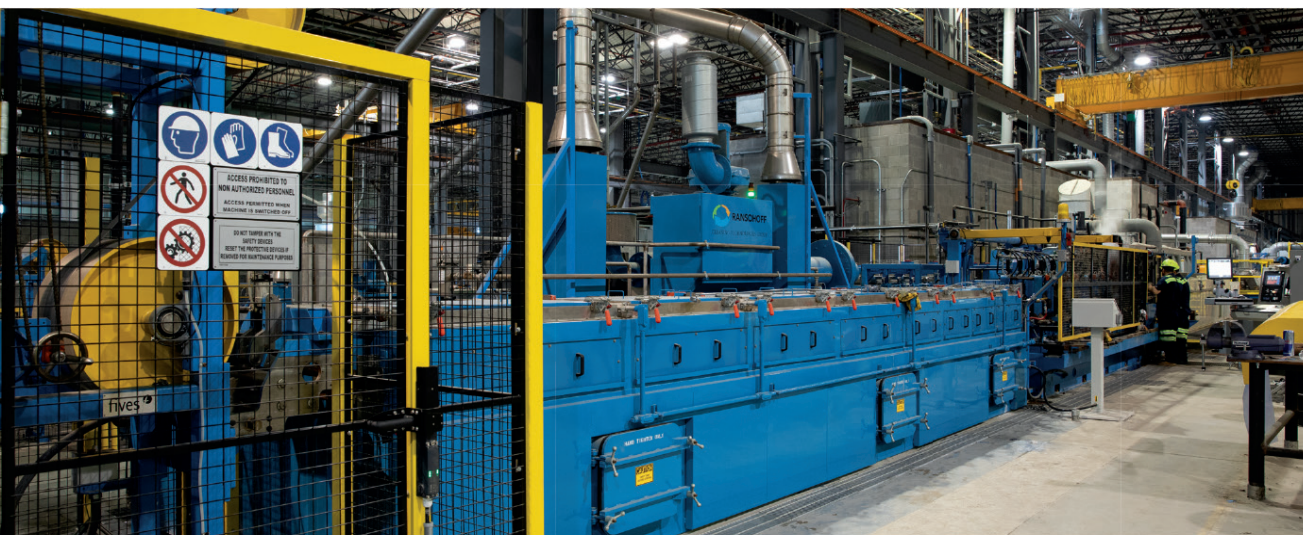
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