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A local group recently celebrated its 40th year of an annual hay ride gathering. **Page 7**

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City makes hires for new positions

‘These are positions that we need...’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — In the past year, the City of Rochelle created and hired for two new positions: A GIS (geographic information systems) coordinator and a sustainability coordinator.

Casey Heuer is the city’s new GIS coordinator. In her position she works with mapping in relation to all city departments and asset management and maintenance. So far, her work has included the new garbage system rollout, utility maps, a new zoning map, snow removal routes, a sign dashboard for the public works department and utility atlases for industrial and commercial development.

City staff had a meeting last year and told City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh that Rochelle had an older GIS system with a lot of layers that weren’t accurate and the idea of hiring someone to improve and manage it for the entire city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities was brought up.

“I went to the mayor and council and said it was an important position and



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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asked if they’d fund it,” Fiegenschuh said. “They said absolutely and saw the need for it. We created the position and hired a company to help Casey for the next three years on designing a new system.”

The council also approved a contract with a company to do a street study that Heuer will map to prioritize street and sidewalk maintenance. GIS will ensure accurate mapping of the city’s

utilities. Heuer has worked with the police and fire department on mapping where calls take place.

“GIS is an important program and it affects not just what we typically think of, which is utilities,” Fiegenschuh said. “It’s all of our departments. The city’s GIS is able to assist our industries in finding employees and creating a website where people can apply for jobs. There’s a lot of uses.”

Heuer called working with every city department an “eye-opening experience” and she said it’s increased her knowledge base. The more she talks to different departments, the more she sees opportunities for her work.

“It’s constant learning, adjusting, building and making maps that the departments and residents need,” Heuer said.

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Hay Day event set for Oct. 15

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle’s annual Hay Day event is planned for Saturday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the downtown gazebo area.

The tradition started several years ago with hay bale decorating by local businesses and organizations and grew into a bigger event to celebrate the season downtown. City Director of Community Engagement Jenny Thompson said.

“We call it our family-friendly fall festival,” Thompson said. “It’s aimed towards the younger kids. There will be bounce houses, a petting zoo, the library will be participating and musicians that are teens themselves will perform.”

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Seebach’s Pumpkins grows and sells 2022 crop

‘We have a clientele that always comes out, even from the suburbs’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Seebach’s Pumpkins is again open for business this year at 5498 S. Center Road, selling carving pumpkins, corn stalks, smaller decorative pumpkins and gourds and more.

The Seebach family has been selling pumpkins in Flagg Center for around 40 years, and the operation is headed up by brothers Scott and Jeff Seebach, with help from their children and other family members.

“I still like to see the community come out,” Scott said. “It just makes people happy. I’ve never seen a fruit or vegetable that makes people happy like pumpkins do. They just get excited about it. I enjoy it. That’s probably the main reason why I do it.”

The Seebachs said just like all other crops this spring, the pumpkins were late getting into the ground due to temperature, but that ended up working to their advantage due to good conditions late in the growing season.

A wide variety of pumpkins and gourds are planted



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by the operators of the local pumpkin patch. Some brought good returns, and others did not. Some of the varieties can be hard to time up for the season and originate from different parts of the world and climates. There was a good yield of normal carving pumpkins in “pretty uniform” size

and more gourds than last year.

“At one point, I didn’t think we were going to have much,” Scott said. “But we got a good crop of them. We didn’t get the bigger pumpkins we had last year. Some varieties did a lot better and some didn’t do so good. That’s

the reason why you plant so many different varieties, to try to get something that does grow.”

Planting is done around the first week of June, and takes about six people and “a good half day’s work.” A couple of weeks later, work starts on thinning the plants out and weeding.

After about 2-3 weeks of that, the crop is left alone before the family starts to check on it in August.

It can be tough to tell where the yield stands when pumpkins are still green in a “sea of leaves and vines,” Scott said.

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LOCAL NEWS

No injuries after Tuesday house fire in Flagg Center

Rochelle and Ogle-Lee stations along with seven area departments respond

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — No injuries were seen and a home is a total loss after a Tuesday morning structure fire in Flagg Center, Rochelle Fire Department Chief Dave Sawlsville said.

Rochelle Fire was called for a report of smoke in a house at 10312 E. Kuehl Court around 10:40 a.m. Fire officials responded to see heavy smoke and flames coming from the back corner of the house and the attic. All residents and pets in the home at the time of the fire made it out safely.

The fire's response reached the third alarm level and saw response from Rochelle Fire, the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Stations of Steward, Flagg Center, Creston and Hillcrest, and departments from Ashton, Lynn-Scott-Rock, Malta, DeKalb, Monroe Center, Oregon and Byron.

Sawlsville said the fire "got a good head start" before it was called in and was additionally complicated by high winds and having no fire hydrants in the area. Much of the additional response was dedicated to hauling water in to fight the fire.

"The biggest thing we needed was water hauled in," Sawlsville said. "It was just a matter of trying to play catch up when it was so far ahead of us. That wind pushed it through the house. The house is a total loss. As I understand, it's



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only 3-4 years old and will be a complete rebuild. The homeowner said he was home in a bedroom on the other end of the house when the fire started."

The State Fire Marshal's Office and Ogle County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene. The fire marshal's office will work to determine the origin and potential cause, which Sawlsville said wasn't clear Tuesday, but didn't appear to be suspicious. Sheriff's deputies interviewed the homeowner to get details including the area of the home where the fire started.

Displaced from the Flagg Center home is a family of four and four pets, Sawlsville said. The Red Cross has been notified to help the family. The damage to the home is estimated to be in excess of \$250,000, Sawlsville said.

The home was the site of another fire incident in the past year, Sawlsville said.

"I talked to the homeowner and there was another fire at this house in the past year," Sawlsville said. "He said that the last one was a basement fire caused by electrical. Now, this is another basement fire. Maybe it could be related, I don't know."

Firefighters were on scene for about four hours on Tuesday and worked to extinguish hot spots around the house to make sure the

fire was completely out. Sawlsville said he appreciated the response from departments around the area that helped with the fire along with ambulance calls that came in while the fire was ongoing.

"We have a really effective incident command system and a good relationship with our neighbors," Sawlsville said. "When we call, they get here quickly. We have our mutual aid agreements and we esca-

late the system to the next alarm level. And if we needed more, we still had more resources to call in."

All of the home's smoke alarms are tied together and went off throughout the house at the same time on Tuesday.

"We're thankful nobody was hurt," Sawlsville said. "As fast as this fire was moving, without those smoke alarms, we would've had a whole different story."



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Kishwaukee College hosting FAFSA session

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Financial Aid Office will host a free, in-person workshop demonstrating how to file the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event is open to local students and families and will take place 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Kishwaukee College. Those who cannot attend the event can set up an appointment with a Kish Financial Aid team member to complete the FAFSA by emailing finaid@kish.edu.

The FAFSA is the building block for all financial aid packaging for college students across the U.S. Filing the FAFSA is the first step in determining what federal or state financial aid a student is eligible for, including grants and loans. The 2023-2024 FAFSA application period opens Saturday, Oct. 1, and will be used to determine financial aid for the academic year beginning fall 2023.

The in-person FAFSA Information Session or one-on-one appointments are open to all area students and their parents and will guide them through the FAFSA submission process with an opportunity to ask questions to Kish Financial Aid team members.

In preparation for the session or a one-on-one appointment, people filing FAFSA for the first time should visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov/> to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which will be required to submit the FAFSA electronically. For dependent students, at least one parent will also need to complete the FSA ID. Students and parents should have their 2021 tax return, income information, social security numbers and driver's license/state ID or alien registration card.

To register for the upcoming in-person FAFSA Information Session or schedule a one-on-one appointment, contact Kish's Financial Aid Office at finaid@kish.edu. For additional information on financial aid at Kish, visit kish.edu/financialaid.

Local students graduate from NIU

DEKALB — Over 560 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August. Among the graduates were local students including Abigail Kerns (bachelor of science, nursing) of Creston, and Sandra Galvan (master of science, applied human development & family sciences: marriage and family therapy), Laura Lopez (bachelor of science, nursing) and Kyle Seebach (master of science, data analytics) all of Rochelle.

LOCAL NEWS

SEEBACH: Local farmers selling pumpkins in Flagg Center

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“They hide underneath the canopy of the leaves and everything,” Jeff said. “It’s really tough to tell at that point. Once we get closer into September and the leaves and vines start dying off, it’s a little bit easier to see them and we’re able to start to tell how much of a yield we got off of it.”

Scott’s son, Kyle, has done a lot of the work on the pumpkins this year. He usually picks for 5-6 hours a day and has been doing it for the past three weeks. The work involves a team effort between the family and hired help.

“You’re busy pretty much the whole month of October,” Scott said. “You probably put in 3-4 months of time.”

Seebach’s Pumpkins has seen a lot of customers ask for larger pumpkins this year, but those didn’t come out of the yield and haven’t been common in the area this year, Scott

said. There has been a lot of demand for small pie pumpkins and things of the specialty and decorative variety, which have been the stand’s biggest sellers.

Seed prices and other input costs have increased this year for the Seebachs, which made things “a little tougher” and necessitated a small rise in prices.

The family sold at the Autumn on Parade festival in Oregon in recent weeks and enjoyed interacting with the community.

“It’s just about being there for the people,” Scott said. “Watching the kids be happy to see pumpkins. And there’s adults that come too. There were people at Autumn on Parade that used to come to my dad’s place to get them, but now that they know we sell there, they just go there. We do have a clientele that always comes out, even from the suburbs.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Seebach family has been selling pumpkins in Flagg Center for around 40 years, and the operation is headed up by brothers Scott and Jeff Seebach, with help from their children and other family members.

Jeff said the family has customers that have been coming out annually for the past 15-20 years, dating back to when the

operation was headed up by their late father, Jerry, who passed away in 2019.

“I’ve talked to people and they always come out

here to get their pumpkins and they’ve done it for years and years,” Jeff said. “Even when we sold down at my dad’s house

they were coming. They enjoy it and look forward to it every year. It’s one of their family traditions, too.”

Kishwaukee College BOT members recognized for service

MALTA—Two members of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees were recognized for their dedicated service by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA). Bob Johnson, board chair, and Linda Mason, trustee, were praised by ICCTA Executive Director Jim Reed during Kish’s September board meeting.

Mason, first elected to the Board in 1997, was recognized with the 25-year trustee award. The ICCTA created the award to honor the longest-serving board members in Illinois’ community college system.

“As any trustee can tell you, serving on a local community college board demands countless hours of unpaid time, energy and patience,” Reed said. “Linda Mason is one of only 22 currently active Illinois trustees who have served on their local col-

lege boards for 25 years or more.”

Johnson, who has served on Kish’s board since 2005 and as board chair since 2008, was recognized with the trustee education award. It was Johnson’s fourth time receiving the distinction. Johnson has completed nearly 250 hours of leadership training and professional development throughout his tenure on the Kish board.

“One of our most sought-after awards recognizes the accomplishments of trustees as they achieve this commitment to continuing education,” Reed said. “This year, Bob Johnson earned his fourth trustee education award. Four-time recipients have participated in at least 60 ICCTA professional development activities during their tenure as trustees.”

“Both of these awards show the dedication and

commitment our Board members have to the students of Kishwaukee College and the residents of our district,” said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College. “Bob, Linda and all of our trustees work tirelessly to serve our students and the greater community, and it is wonderful to see them recognized for their efforts.”

Last October, Johnson was also recognized with the Award of Merit by the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association. The accolade highlighted Johnson’s work within the community and on the Kish board as he followed in the footsteps of his father, Laverne “Dutch” Johnson, a founding board member of Kishwaukee College.

To learn more about Kishwaukee College, visit kish.edu.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Kishwaukee College Board of Trustee members Bob Johnson, board chair, and Linda Mason, trustee, were presented with awards by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association during Kish’s September Board meeting. Mason received the 25-year trustee award, and Johnson received the trustee education award. Pictured are Jim Reed, ICCTA executive director, Mason and Johnson.

Virtual adult mental health first aid training Nov. 9

OGLE COUNTY — SSM Health Monroe in partnership with Barbershop Transformation and Wellness Center and CONTACT of Northern Illinois is hosting a virtual Adult Mental Health First Aid Training.

This training will teach participants an action plan

to help individuals developing or in a mental health crisis situation. Training consists of 2.5 hours of pre-work and a 5.5-hour Zoom class that will take place on Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to complete the pre-work during

the two weeks before the Zoom class. Cost for the training is being paid for by SSM Health Monroe.

To register for the training contact Pam Wernitz at CONTACT, 815-821-4653 or email her at pam-wernitz@gmail.com. Cut off for acceptance into the class is Oct. 26.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Jacqlyn (Jackye) Johnson

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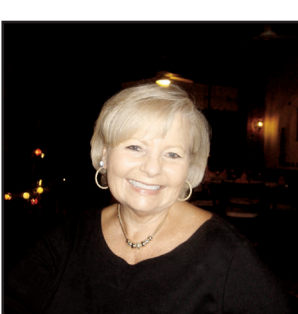
Anyone who knew Jackye will remember her by her amazing sense of style and her deep love for her family, friends and God. Jackye also loved her yearly trips to Huatulco, Mexico, decorating her new home and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

She was such a predominant fixture in their lives,

never missing a game or performance, and known by all as "Aunt Jackye."

She is proceeded in death by her parents, Lois Johnson Benner and Robert Johnson and survived by her three sisters Roberta (Raymond), Terrye (Jeff) and Michelle and their wonderful families. Jackye will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know and love her.

A celebration of life will be held for Jackye on Nov. 22 from 2-6 p.m. at Max



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Ogle County Sheriff's Report

Deputies conduct traffic stops

OREGON — On Oct. 7 at 7:57 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at South Mulford Road and East Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Angel Hernandez-Santiago, 20, of Rockford, for driving without a license. Hernandez-Santiago was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date.

On Oct. 7 at approximately 9:53 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for improper lane usage. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Jacob Cullen, 23, of Chana, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Cullen was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of

bond. Cullen also received citations for uninsured vehicle and inoperable tail light.

On Oct. 8 at approximately 9:59 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 mile at marker 107 northbound for improper lane usage that originated as a driving complaint call. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Marisela Soto-Martinez, 35, of Wheeling, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Soto-Martinez was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond. Soto-Martinez was also cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

On Oct. 9 at approximately 8:19 p.m. deputies responded to the 10,000 block of East Illinois

Route 64 for a motorist assist. Upon further investigation, deputies arrested Brian Schott, 49, of DeKalb, for driving while license revoked. Schott was transported to the Ogle County Jail in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 10 at 4:06 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Marlon Aranda, 19, of Ashton was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. Aranda was also issued a citation for a loud muffler. Aranda was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Rochelle Police Report

Woman arrested for criminal trespass to land

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 7, Vanessa K. Pelayo, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and an outstanding Boone County warrant. She paid \$250 and was released with a Nov. 18 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 8, Jennifer R.

Stark, 37, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal trespass to land. She was released on an I-Bond with no court date listed.

On Oct. 7, Juan Escutia Hueramo, 34, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Kane County warrant. He paid \$575

and was released with an Oct. 28 Kane County court date.

On Oct. 10, Shana L. Williams, 32, of Chicago was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

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The bonus session Back to Repayment will be scheduled

when more detailed information is available about changes in federal student loan repayment rules. Participants who register now will receive updates and a link to the post-session recording.

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NIU STEM Fest offers educational fun

MALTA — STEM Fest 2022, a free festival on Northern Illinois University's central campus, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. Activities will take place all day in MLK Commons, the Holmes Student Center, Founders Memorial Library, Swen Parson Hall and Anderson Hall.

For more than a decade, NIU has welcomed thousands of visitors of all ages to its annual STEM Fest, with hundreds of hands-

on learning activities, dynamic stage shows and presentations from expert speakers. The festival is organized by NIU STEAM in the Division of Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development.

"This is the 13th year of STEM Fest, and every year I am blown away by the commitment of NIU faculty, staff and students to share their research and knowledge with the community, as well as by the many companies and

organizations around our region who contribute their time, talent and support to make this event a success," says Kristin Brynteson, director of NIU STEAM.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math, and the philosophy behind STEM Fest has always been simple: STEM fields are for everybody. Everyone — regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity or life experience — is affected by science and technology, and everyone can find their spark of inspiration to learn more about the research and careers that have such a big effect on our lives.

What has changed in the 13 years since STEM Fest began? One of the biggest changes has been an increased recognition of the role of creativity in STEM and of the connections between art and the STEM fields. Visitors this year will notice a juried art exhibition, theatre tech demonstrations, an Artists' Playground and other celebrations of art.

"Late elementary and middle school have always been a sweet spot for STEM Fest," says Brynteson. "Programming robots, dissecting cow

eyes, experimenting with light and sound — there have always been and continue to be a rich selection of activities for those ages. Now we're also offering even more activities for younger children and high schoolers, as well as adults."

The youngest visitors can build with blocks in the Tot Spot in the Holmes Student Center, enjoy story time or play with robots in the Founder Memorial Library.

High school students will have a chance to participate in a free MetaCode Remix workshop, offered by Meta, STEM Fest's premier sponsor. The workshops offer students age 13+ a chance to program musical beats using block-based coding in Javascript and share their creation with their community. Free registration is required at go.niu.edu/MetaCode.

In addition to these new experiences, visitors will get to experience old favorites such as the Haunted Lab, Chemistry Club Demo Show, and NIU Steelband, as well as talks by experts from NIU, NASA, Meta, Ferrara and Argonne National Laboratory.

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LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Rochelle hires new GIS and sustainability coordinators

From page 1

It's Heuer's goal to create an interactive GIS website where people can look at everything from property records to crime, demographics, parcel information and more. She believes that will increase transparency and improve the relationship between the city and its residents.

In the future, GIS will help the city with its capital improvement planning, Fiegenschuh said. The city council wants to plan 20-year capital improvement plans for long-term costs. GIS will help the city to know where infrastructure is, how long it'll last and what improvements are needed.

Heuer said her biggest goal for the next year is to nail down the asset management and utility side of where things are and making sure the city has the most correct information.

"It is a live system that will make real-time updates," Heuer said. "We'll be able to have that accurate map of where these things are located and we'll be able to forecast future expenditures and projects. What it really begins with is nailing down where those utilities are."

Sustainability

Molly Sedig is the city's new sustainability

coordinator. As part of the city and RMU's efforts to promote green energy and sustainable practices beyond solar, the position was created. The position was discussed for six months before taking it to council where it was approved.

"A sustainable community is one that meets the needs of its residents in the present, without compromising the resource needs of those in the future," Fiegenschuh said. "Making sustainable steps forward helps promote community resiliency to climate change, lower costs of living and create a healthier environment for Rochelle's residents."

Sedig's work so far and in the future includes looking at more renewable energy, working on RMU incentive programs to reduce the city's power load, being the point of contact for a new customer solar program and looking at ways to reduce storm water runoff to not overload RMU's system.

Like Heuer, Sedig will work with all city departments.

"Some of the things we're looking at are incentives for energy efficiency upgrades, the city's energy efficiency and our options for renewable energy and things like that moving into the future," Sedig



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

City staff had a meeting last year and told City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh that Rochelle had an older GIS system with a lot of layers that weren't accurate and the idea of hiring someone to improve and manage it for the entire city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities was brought up.

said. "These positions are becoming increasingly more common and sustainability really has multiple components and it's kind of an umbrella. It's been interesting working with different departments and understanding their priorities and what those will be moving forward."

A recent state energy bill will cause cities like Rochelle to move towards having more clean energy

in the future. That legislation was the reason the city started its program for RMU customers to have their own solar and Sedig has been the point person on that project.

The city and RMU have also discussed a community solar program where residents could buy into a solar field and get a credit on their bill.

"There's a lot of different things to talk about with

sustainability and having a point person to oversee it is extremely important," Fiegenschuh said.

Sedig said in the near future, she plans to look at the city's renewable energy portfolio and how it can proceed in that direction, along with developing a working group of staff and community members that have an interest in sustainability initiatives in the community and working

towards building a comprehensive sustainability action plan.

"That's where I want to start to hash out what more of those priorities are for individual departments and the community and see what their needs and concerns are when it comes to renewable energies and building resilience to climate change and really going from there," Sedig said.

HAY DAY: Annual fall event scheduled for Saturday

From page 1

"The hospital will be there with activities, Rise Up Dance will perform and the CAN Food Truck Festival will take place."

Hay bale decorating still plays a large part in Hay Day and around 50 locations in town are already showing off their creativity this year. When the tradition began, only 20-30 hay bales were decorated in town.

This year, Rochelle's works of hay bale art include a pirate, a Starbucks drink, Country School's ice cream cone mascot, the home of the Flintstones, a witch's cauldron, a shooting range target, Chase from Paw Patrol, Mater from Cars and an ode to

the Rochelle Township High School Hubs.

"The work is on all of the hay bale decorators," Thompson said. "People spend money and put staff time into it. They're buying supplies and working on them. It's cool to see how far people take it. They really go all out."

The hay bale decorating began when a small group discussed what could be done in Rochelle for the fall. An idea was found from Europe where people decorated hay bales and made straw sculptures.

Thompson said she's enjoyed seeing the tradition grow over the years and be embraced by all ages. Visitors come to town and get one of the hay bale maps the city



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The City of Rochelle's annual Hay Day event is planned for Saturday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the downtown gazebo area. The tradition started several years ago with hay bale decorating by local businesses and organizations and grew into a bigger event to celebrate the season downtown.

had made up and go and see them all.

"It's been enjoyable for residents and people in the area," Thompson

said. "It helps us to show what Rochelle has to offer. It's been awesome to see it grow. One year I picked up my kids from school

at Tilton and the hay bale had just been delivered and the kids came out one by one and they were so excited to see it. And it

wasn't even decorated yet. Just seeing that was really heartwarming for me after all of the work that people have put into it."

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Dr. Tom Koritz lived life to the fullest

“I was a Doctor’s Guinea Pig.” Sounds like the name of a 1950s science fiction movie.

In reality it was the title of a Saturday Evening Post article published July 25, 1953. The article was authored by Dr. Lloyd Thomas Koritz. Dr. Koritz was, himself, the guinea pig and this is his story.

Lloyd Amos Koritz (Amos) and his bride Margaret Shear were married in 1922. They had three children, two girls and one son who was named after his father. Lloyd Thomas Koritz was commonly referred to as Tom. Lloyd Amos Koritz and his family came to Rochelle with his work, he was employed by Del Monte for 43 years. Tom was a bright child, he enjoyed learning and the outdoors. Tom attended Rochelle schools and received some of his first notice when he won the American Legion essay contest.

Rochelle High School welcomed Tom as a freshman in the 1941-42 year. Three years later in 1943-1944, Tom would graduate, one year early, with varsity letters in track and football and academic honors.

At 17, Tom had a decision to make, did he enter college, or did he enter the military service? Tom entered classes at the University of Illinois and became a second lieutenant in the college’s ROTC. Though he excelled at the university, the call to serve was too strong. Tom enlisted in the Navy and 1945 found him at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

His company, the 371st, won the regimental championship for athletics. Tom captained the company’s track team. From Great Lakes, Tom entered the U.S. Naval Hospital School at San Diego, California. He graduated in the top five percent of

his class. After his military service, Tom returned to the University of Illinois and completed his four-year degree then entered medical school at the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago.

It was during his time at the medical school that Tom allowed himself to become a guinea pig, or test subject. The most dangerous experiments involved testing new methods of artificial respiration. Starting out slowly, Tom was first rendered unconscious to test the effects of pentothal drugs.

He was put to sleep and monitored to see what he could feel or hear, and to see if the drug would stop his heart or respirations. The tests progressed using sodium pentothal combined with curare. Sodium pentothal, commonly referred to as truth serum,

was used as a quick-acting general anesthetic. Curare is the name given to various highly-toxic substances used by certain indigenous tribes in South America to poison their hunting arrows. Curare would relax the diaphragm muscles and the victim would suffer from respiratory arrest. You stopped being able to breath on your own.

Tom Koritz allowed himself to be put to sleep and then his ability to breath was removed. They tested a new machine made in Germany to see if it could artificially breath for the patient. On another occasion, Tom was put under and tests were run to see how long a team could breath for the victim. For 11 hours Tom was unconscious, and his life was in the hands of others as they fought to maintain his flow of



Tom McDermott

oxygen.

The most dangerous experiment was held in cooperation with the University of Illinois and Commonwealth Edison. Tom was placed in a harness and suspended at the top of a utility pole. He was to represent a lineman working on an electrical pole. Then he once again he was sedated, and his breathing was stopped.

Rescuers tested several methods of artificial respiration while the victim hung helpless on the pole. Despite the dangers of these experiments, Tom Koritz stated that the worst was the first. He was assigned to eat one pound of homogenized warm liver a day for 30 days.

“I tried it every way,” he said. “I even tried mixing the liver with chocolate syrup. I finally found I could get the liver down by drinking two quarts of milk to each pound of liver.”

For his courage, Tom

Koritz was awarded the Walter Reed Society Award. His citation read: “Many lives are being saved through the use of new methods of rendering artificial respiration to victims of drowning or electrical shock.”

Dr. Lloyd Thomas Koritz finished his training and began serving the people of Rochelle in 1953 when he joined Dr. Arthur Bogue in practice. Dr. Koritz was a local physician until 1987 after which time he taught at the University of Illinois Medical school in Rockford. Tom and his wife Mary Flagg had four children, three boys, Tom, Tim and Terry and one daughter Julie.

Dr. Lloyd Thomas Koritz loved his family. He loved hunting and camping. He loved helping people. Simply, he loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum historian and Rochelle city councilman.

Consider this: Unions

THERE will be a proposition to amend the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution on November’s ballot. It essentially concerns the fundamental right of employees to organize and bargain with employers without interference. Please read the full description you will get on your ballot for the proposition or better yet go to www.ilga.gov for more information.

I have worked both in and out of my company’s union during my career. 10 years in a union job and 29 years in a non-union management job. The status of both labor areas was necessary. During the first 10 years I made an hourly wage and would have had no say in my wages except for the organization in which I was a member. In the following 29, although I was always within a departmental setting, I had the ability to argue for any increases I might get. One thing I can say about both labor areas is that in my company,

labor and management kept rather in-sync as far as wages and health costs were concerned.

You may ask if there is a way to check to see if unions really help the labor market and economy. Unless there is some information on the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) web site, there would be way too many factors affecting the labor market. On a very high-level look at the past, however, there may be clues. You would need to research this yourself, but I can give you the following from the BLS at www.bls.gov and from the US Department of Labor at www.dol.gov/general/topic/statistics/inflation. I have researched these websites as best I can.

In the 37 years before 1983, that is from 1946 to 1983, the median wage for labor rose 52.6 percent from an inflation adjusted wage of \$48,810 in 1946 to \$74,477 in 1983. Then for the 37 years following 1983, the wage rose a mere 2.5 percent to \$76,299 in 2020. I picked 1983 as a

date because by this time, it appears union membership began to fall rapidly. As far as I can tell in researching this, in 1946 the percentage of union workers to the total labor market was 13 percent. It appeared to climb from there to a maximum of somewhere between 30 percent and 35 percent then began to fall again. The quick climb may be due to World War II being over, women keeping their jobs, then the work force stabilizing. The percentage of union workers in 1983 then was 20.1 percent an increase of 54.6 percent over 1946. Once more, it fell to 10.8 percent by 2020, a decrease of 51.2 percent.

Are these statistics due to union membership increasing or decreasing? Was it more due to women staying in the labor market and, as we know now, getting paid less? Could it be that trickle-down economics didn’t work and made things worse?

If you don’t know what trickle-down economics, it’s where tax breaks are given to companies and the wealthy in hopes that this additional wealth will trickle back down to us in the form of jobs or higher wages. I would imagine that it would be all these things and more. Can you say which one of these possibilities, or others you may know about, help the middle-class or the poor?

One of the statements I have heard over the years is about union workers making too much money in a particular industry. This is truly

a negative issue for that industry as they will always call workers’ wages and/or benefits too much. But when employees and employer sit across from each other, neither must agree to the terms of an increase or benefit do they? Some say that the employees have leverage through their ability to strike. Yet can’t employers

also hire part-time employees, temporarily close the business, and/or be stronger negotiators? Could there have been times when employers were making so much money with their products that they didn’t bother to fully negotiate? If so, could this have caused a snowball effect within the business? No matter how you may look at this it is worth thinking about and looking up on the internet or in the public library.

Another statement I have heard during my career is that if an employer wants to let a union worker go, no matter what the reason, they can’t do it. Is it truly harder to fire someone in a union? If the employee is not doing their job, or cannot do the job, then doesn’t the employer have reason? Maybe they are reluctant to let them go because of the effort it takes. This happens even in non-union positions. And it should be hard to let workers go and a proper paperwork trail should be made to justify it. However, is this a reason to

eliminate unions from the workplace?

Perhaps the loudest voices I have heard are that unions choose to require the employee to pay a membership fee. But don’t other organizations outside of the workforce do the same? If dues are a reason to prevent a union or other organization from forming, then who would pay for the manpower and supplies necessary to keep it running? One thing to ponder may be to look at a union organization and the work their leaders do and compare that to another type of organization.

One last thing to think about. If a union has led their employees to a level where they feel that the employer now understands their needs and negotiations go smoothly, can’t they also dissolve that organization?

As I have said I have had both union and non-union jobs. I can see the benefit of both. No matter what, this is an important proposition on the ballot and one we should all have a say on.

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COMMUNITY



ALDI reopens to large crowd following renovations

ALDI reopened in Rochelle on Thursday to a large crowd after being closed in recent months for renovations. Shoppers made up a long line ahead of the grocery store's 9 a.m. opening and the parking lot stayed full through the rest of the morning.

Local group celebrates 40th year of hay ride gathering

ROCHELLE — A local group recently celebrated its 40th year of an annual hay ride gathering. A celebration was had that included flags, banners a large bonfire (10 feet tall with fireworks), pizza from Alfano's and along with that a decorated cake. Seven originals remain from the very first year of the hay ride and 25 people attended this year from a six month old to a 92-year-old. Both enjoyed their first hay ride and attended as family and friends. Over the years, the annual hay ride has seen flat tires to marshmallow fights. "These are friends I have had since grade

school, high school and college, along with their friends they worked with in DeKalb that were our age," Garry Hansen said. "We all started as single, went to dating, being married and with kids, to now empty nesters. This is the only time we all get together... once a year and all look forward to catching up with everyone."

Hay riders come from around the region including Middleton by Madison, Waukesha and Brookfield in Wisconsin, to the Valparaiso area in Indiana, along with the town and cities of Cherry Valley, Rockford, Machesney Park, Stillman Valley, Ge-



(COURTESY PHOTO)

A local group recently celebrated its 40th year of an annual hay ride gathering.

noa, Algonquin, Esmond, Hillcrest, Kings and Rochelle. The group has lost three dear friends in the past two years. "The group stays abreast in making sure if there is any health concerns, pass-

ings, or any prayers, we pass them along so everyone can stay informed. The original core started going out on Friday and Saturday nights," Hansen said.



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11 — and outs

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by Linda Thistle

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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: P equals M

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ASHTON NEWS



Lady Raider fresh-soph volleyball team wins Oregon Invitational

The AFC fresh-soph volleyball team finished first in the Oregon Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Lady Raiders edged Dakota 25-23, 27-25 before defeating Oregon 25-22, 25-18 to reach the championship match against Genoa-Kingston. A-FC outlasted the Cogs in three sets, winning 27-25, 23-25, 15-11 for the title. The team includes Izzy Cater, Reese Polk, Elena Refatllari, Claire Freeman, Cam Winterland, Lilly Carlson, Nadia Near, Caitlin Evans, Abby Milligan and Natalee Schafer.

Halloween events and more set for Ashton

ASHTON — Village-wide trick or treating in Ashton is set for Sunday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m.

The Ashton Lions Club will start its annual Halloween costume parade on Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. in front of the Lions Center and will end at the Mills & Petrie Gymnasium, where judging of the costumes will take place.

St. John Lutheran Church will host its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m. in its parking lot located at 803 Paddock Avenue in Ashton. Residents can bring kids to the parking lot for a safe place to walk around. If you or your organization would like to have a vehicle involved, please contact Sherri at 815-622-3683.

Breakfast

The Ashton Fireman's Breakfast will take place Sunday, Oct. 16 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Mills & Petrie Building at 704 N. 1st St. in Ashton. Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, sausage gravy and apple cider donuts will be served.

Christmas walk

Ashton's annual Christmas walk is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3. If you or your small business would like to participate as vendors, crafts or children's activities, games, donations or vehicles in the lighted parade, please message the Ashton Park Committee on Facebook with your contact information.

Goodfellows of Lee County accepting applications and donations

LEE COUNTY — Goodfellows of Lee County is giving a "Hands Up" to all in Lee County that qualify.

It is accepting applications from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. If in on time and complete, you are eligible for a food voucher and your child to may be chosen by

ShopwithaCop, Shop with Sheriff or another agency or church. If you miss that deadline, you can apply up to Dec. 1.

Applications must be filled out completely with names of all living in the home, address, phone number and email. You must send copies of all income

for 30 days. Pay stubs, food stamps, disability SSI, child support, pension and Tania all qualify as income. You must list all in household and show proof of residence.

Applications are out at the following locations:

Dixon: Library, LC-COA, Bright Beginnings,

Open Sesame, Telegraph, food pantry, pantry, Apts., Green Acre, Leidig Center, Lee County Housing, township and at schools.

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New, unwrapped toys and clothing will be accepted in November after the United Way campaign.

If you have questions, please call Clara Harris at 815-973-5135 or send monetary donations to Goodfellows of Lee County, P.O. Box 674, Dixon, IL 61021. Goodfellows of Lee County is located in its permanent home at 704 S. Lincoln Ave. Dixon, IL 61021.

AFC Raider football team scores win over Galva

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center varsity eight-man football team defeated Galva on Friday,

winning 26-8 behind 201 passing yards and three touchdowns from quarterback Carson Rueff, who

also rushed for 71 yards. Running back Zane Murphy finished with 85 receiving yards and two

touchdowns in the game, while wide receiver Lane Koning totaled a team-high 107 receiving yards

and one touchdown. Logan Mershon (22 total yards), Michael Cochrane (22 total yards)

and Auden Polk (21 total yards) each contributed to the Raider victory Friday night.

AFC Lady Raider volleyball teams face Eastland, Fulton

ASHTON — The Ashton-Franklin Center Lady Raider volleyball teams squared off against Eastland on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The fresh-soph team lost the first set 20-25 and tied the second set 22-22, while the JV team fell 20-25, 15-

25 and the varsity team lost 17-25, 15-25.

Brianna Gonnerman led the varsity girls with six service points and four assists, while Nadezda Cater totaled three kills and Mallory Coffman recorded four service points. Taylor

Jahn had five service points for the JV team, while Reilly Schafer compiled three kills and Audree Dorn notched three assists. Abby Milligan led the fresh-soph girls with 10 service points, two assists and two aces, while Caitlin Evans had six

service points and one kill.

Fulton

The Ashton-Franklin Center volleyball teams faced Fulton on Thursday, Oct. 6. The fresh-soph girls won 25-14, 25-15, while the JV team fell 11-25,

13-25 and the varsity team lost 14-25, 22-25.

Audree Dorn and Reese Polk each had six service points for the varsity girls, while Kaelynn Larson recorded three kills and Mallory Coffman notched three aces. Lillian Sear-

ing compiled five service points in the JV match, while Coffman had five digs and Taylor Jahn added four digs. Abby Milligan stacked up 24 service points, nine aces and five assists for the fresh-soph girls.

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RJT SEASON CONCLUDES

Rochelle Junior Tackle played its final games of the season this past weekend.

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RTHS Football

Postseason bound

Rochelle trounces Thornridge 61-8 to clinch automatic IHSA playoff berth

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Seniors Hayden Inman and Trey Taft have dreamed of connecting on a long touchdown pass since their days of playing video games together as kids. The two had a chance to turn that dream into a reality Friday evening, when the Rochelle Hub varsity football team returned home for a nonconference matchup against the Thornridge Falcons.

With Rochelle leading 25-8 near the end of the first half, the senior quarterback Inman evaded pressure from multiple Thornridge defenders and maneuvered out of the pocket, firing a deep ball down the field to his childhood friend Taft, who caught the ball behind the Falcon secondary and sprinted to the endzone for a 75-yard touchdown. Inman finished with 148 passing yards and two touchdowns while running for a third score as the Hubs rolled over Thornridge 61-8.

Rochelle (6-1, 3-0 Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue) clinched an automatic playoff berth with

the win, meaning the Hubs will enter the postseason for the second consecutive year. Rochelle will look to continue its winning ways next Friday, when the Hubs face Plano on the road.

“It’s a great feeling to throw for two touchdown passes because we run the football a lot,” Inman said. “Trey and David [Gerber] made plays and all I had to do was throw the ball out there. It’s been great to watch how we’ve grown up since we were in fifth grade and it’s awesome that we’ve qualified for the playoffs again... Our linemen have been holding their blocks really well and we’re getting a lot nastier up front. Everyone’s doing their jobs the way they should.”

The Hubs moved away from their traditional wing-T offense early in the game, executing out of the shotgun and taking an early lead after Inman pulled the read-option carry for a 16-yard touchdown run and his first rushing score of the season. After Thornridge punted on its opening drive, Rochelle extended its lead late in the first quarter, with Inman hitting senior wide receiver David Gerber on



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Brock Metzger dives for a tackle on Thornridge running back Kamerin Young during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against the Falcons on Friday. Rochelle moved to 6-1 overall with a 61-8 victory.

an inside slant route for a 46-yard touchdown that put the Hubs up 12-0.

The Falcons found their offense near the end of

the first quarter, where quarterback Tony Morris completed a 42-yard pass to Demond Holt before Kamerin Young rushed

for a 2-yard touchdown. It was the second touchdown of the whole season for the Falcons, who added the 2-point conversion on

a wobbly-but-successful pass from Morris to Jovon Summral-Moore.

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RTHS Girls Tennis



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team finished sixth in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship meet at LaSalle-Peru on Saturday. The Lady Hubs will host the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional this Friday and Saturday at RTHS. Pictured above from left to right are Elin Zheng and Abby Tarvestad (far left), Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams (middle left), Marisa Whaley and Bailey Jackson (middle right) as well as Maleah Pointer and Riley Doyle (far right).

Lady Hubs finish sixth at Interstate 8 Conference meet

IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional scheduled for Friday and Saturday at RTHS

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LASALLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team scored 10 points to take sixth out of six schools in the Interstate 8 Conference Championship tournament on Saturday. The

Lady Hubs (5-10, 0-5 Interstate 8) will host the IHSA 1A Rochelle Sectional on Friday and Saturday.

Junior Elin Zheng finished fifth in the No. 1 singles bracket with an 0-2 record, falling 1-6, 1-6 against Ottawa’s Emma Cushing before conceding

a 3-6, 4-6 loss to Kane-land’s Anelle Dominguez in the fifth-place match. Senior Abby Tarvestad took fourth in the No. 2 singles bracket with a 1-2 record, winning 6-1, 6-1 over LaSalle-Peru’s Rylee Wells before suffering losses against Morris’ Julia Borgstrom (1-6, 1-6)

and Ottawa’s Layne King (1-6, 0-6).

Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams finished fifth in the No. 1 doubles bracket with a 1-1 record, losing their first-round match against LaSalle-Peru 1-6, 0-6 before bouncing back against Morris with a 6-1, 6-3 win

in the fifth-place match. Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley took sixth in the No. 2 doubles bracket with an 0-2 record, conceding a 1-6, 0-6 loss against LaSalle-Peru in the first round and a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Kaneland in the fifth-place match.

Senior Maleah Pointer

and sophomore Riley Doyle finished fourth in the No. 3 doubles bracket with a 1-2 record. The duo outlasted Kaneland 4-6, 6-4, 11-9 in the first round before falling 3-6, 2-6 against Sycamore in the semifinals and 0-6, 1-6 against Ottawa in the third-place match.



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**Mary
Chadwick**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross Country

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

A: This is my first year.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Getting a good exercise and talking with my friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: History because it's very interesting.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Rose Luxton because she's always cheerful and happy.

Q: Who is your biggest role

model and why?

A: My dad because he always pushes me to do my best and leads me closer to God.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a nurse because I can help people.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Mexico because of the nice weather.

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

A: Getting to experience the fun of playing sports.

**Isabella
Biggs**

Year: Freshman

Sport: Cross Country



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

A: Two years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: It gets me in good shape and pushes me to be a better athlete.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Ceramics because I get to be creative.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: Myself because I'm constantly improving everyday

and learning new things.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be a psychiatrist because I want to help people improve their mental health.

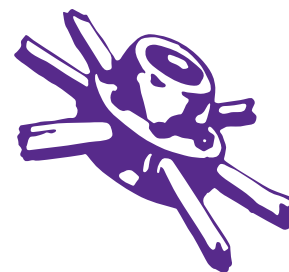
Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: I'd like to go to Paris because it's very pretty and has a lot of landmarks.

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

A: I enjoy making new bonds with people everyday.

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SPORTS

HUBS: Rochelle earns second consecutive postseason bid

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Rochelle was unfazed, however, scoring three second-quarter touchdowns to put the game out of reach for the Falcons. Senior tailback Garrett Gensler broke loose for a 20-yard touchdown rush before a 6-yard rushing touchdown from Taft midway through the second quarter gave the Hubs a 25-8 lead. Inman's 75-yard bomb to Taft helped Rochelle take a 31-8 lead at halftime.

"Hayden and I have been talking about plays like that since we started playing PlayStation together when we were younger," Taft said. "I thought my performance tonight was a big confidence booster for me and the team and it feels really good to be heading back to the playoffs. Our experience from last season is going to be extremely helpful. We know what it's like to win in the playoffs and the feeling of losing is something I don't ever want to feel again."

The Hubs sealed their victory Friday evening

with a dominant third-quarter showing. Thornridge turned the ball over on its first possession of the half after sophomore Erich Metzger forced a fumble that fellow sophomore Kaiden Morris recovered. Rochelle capitalized on the Falcon mistake, scoring on a 3-yard touchdown run from Taft, who finished with a team-high 71 rushing yards and three scores in the win. Taft ran in the 2-point conversion to put the Hubs up 39-8.

"We struggled in the first half tonight, but I thought we came out a lot stronger and we played with much better energy in the second half," Taft said. "We have to continue to practice hard and take everything one week at a time. We can't look too far ahead because we don't want to underestimate Plano. We have to continue to work hard and execute our assignments."

A successful onside kick recovered by senior Aidan Rodriguez allowed Rochelle's offense to retake the field and score on a 33-yard touchdown run from sophomore Grant

Gensler. The Falcons attempted to strike back with a deep pass late in the third quarter, but Gensler jumped in front of the intended Thornridge receiver, snatching his team-leading fifth interception of the season that immediately led to a 5-yard rushing touchdown and 2-point conversion from Taft.

The Hubs held a 55-8 lead entering the fourth quarter, where senior Landon DeLille iced the Rochelle victory with an 18-yard touchdown run off the right side of the line of scrimmage. DeLille finished with 65 rushing yards on eight carries, while Garrett Gensler had 62 rushing yards on nine carries. Taft totaled two receptions for 92 yards and junior linebacker Brock Metzger led the defense with five tackles. Rochelle had nine tackles for loss in the win.

Fresh/Soph

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team won a battle of undefeated opponents Friday, defeating Sandwich 26-14 to



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Seniors Hayden Inman (left) and Trey Taft (right) high-five each other after Inman's rushing touchdown during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against Thornridge on Friday. Rochelle cruised over the Falcons 61-8.

move to 7-0 overall this season.

Freshman Roman Villalobos rushed for a 1-yard touchdown and a 7-yard touchdown in the win, while sophomore Elijah Harley blocked a punt

on special teams and recovered a fumble for a touchdown. Sophomores Jackson Smith and Ryan Senne each notched sacks for the Hubs, who will face Plano on the road Friday at 5 p.m.

Freshman Reece Harris added a sack on defense, while freshman Mason Moore recovered an onside kick and sophomore Carson Lewis threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Ethan Goodwin.



(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team defeated Sandwich 26-14 on Friday to move to 7-0 on the season. At left, sophomore Ryan Senne records a sack on the Sandwich quarterback. At right, freshman Roman Villalobos runs in one of his two rushing touchdowns in the game.

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SPORTS

RTHS Cross Country

Rochelle harriers compete at Sterling Invitational

Hub and Lady Hub runners shine in Oregon nonconference meet Wednesday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

STERLING — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub varsity cross country teams raced in the Sterling Invitational at Woodlawn Arts Academy on Saturday. The Hubs finished 11th out of 14 schools with 283 points and the Lady Hubs competed on an individual basis at the varsity level.

Junior Luis Hernandez finished 28th out of 94 runners in the varsity race, clocking in with a time of 16:42.00. Senior Thomas Koziol took 54th with a time of 17:36.60 and

freshman Declan McGee placed 64th with a time of 18:07.60. Sophomore Chris Hickey (71st in 18:38.60) and freshman Elijah Mayen (77th in 19:04.80) rounded out the varsity lineup for the Hubs.

Senior Yuelma Ortiz led the Lady Hubs on Saturday, finishing 27th out of 72 runners in the varsity race with a time of 20:05.70. Rochelle placed third out of four schools in the fresh-soph race, with freshmen Annaliese Koziol (eighth in 22:12.20), Rose Luxton (20th in 24:21.10), Emely Hernandez (22nd in

24:38.20) and Mary Chadwick (25th in 25:09.50) as well as sophomore Bridgett Ramirez (24th in 24:40.50) recording top-25 finishes in the race.

The Hubs and Lady Hubs will compete at the Interstate 8 Conference Championships on Saturday, Oct. 15. Rochelle has been assigned to the IHSA 2A Sterling Regional, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Hoover Park with races running at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Oregon

Junior Luis Hernandez won his second meet of

the Rochelle Hub varsity cross country season on Wednesday, finishing first with a time of 17:48.9 in a five-team meet at Oregon Park West that included Amboy, Stillman Valley, Oregon and Rockford Lutheran. The Hubs took second out of three teams with 35 points, while the Lady Hubs placed third out of four teams with

71 points.

Freshman Declan McGee and senior Thomas Koziol finished eighth and ninth out of 26 runners in the varsity race, clocking in with respective times of 18:51.0 and 19:19.8. Sophomore Chris Hickey took 12th with a time of 19:50.9 and freshman Elijah Mayen placed 17th in 21:25.59.

Freshman Annaliese Koziol led the Lady Hubs in the varsity race, finishing fifth out of 32 runners with a time of 24:08.2. Freshman Rose Luxton took 10th with a time of 25:15.7 and sophomore Bridgett Ramirez placed 21st with a time of 27:10.9. Freshman Mary Chadwick finished 23rd with a time of 28:05.0.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Lady Hub runners Rose Luxton, Bridgett Ramirez, Emely Hernandez and Mary Chadwick (left to right) hit their stride during the Sterling Invitational.

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Shop • Play • Stay

9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Rochelle First



Youth programs, schools and non-profit groups look to our businesses first when fundraising.

These community-minded businesses donate faithfully to local youth sports programs, community clubs, nonprofit groups and churches – just to name a few. Shouldn't we look to those same businesses first when we need goods and services? Of course we should!



High rate of return. For every \$100 spent in independently owned stores,

\$68 returns to the community through payroll, taxes and other expenditures. Online orders return absolutely nothing to Rochelle, IL.



Seeking health care in your hometown brings the comforts of receiving qualified

care from people you know and trust. Whether it be a trip to the dentist, regular health care screenings, a visit to a specialist or an emergency, you need not travel. It's all right here.



Banking with people who know you is a luxury found only in hometowns.

You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.



No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor.

You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?



Time is money.

It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!



Customer service after the sale is invaluable. Local retailers not only take responsibility for the product

they sold, they will often fix it or replace it – no questions asked. Appliances, furniture, computers and electronics sometimes have glitches. Would you rather box yours up, send it to who knows where, and wait six to eight weeks, or just go back to the nice guy that helped you when you bought it?



Keeping it local encourages community growth. By choosing to do business locally,

you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.



One word: Jobs.

When you do business of any kind in Rochelle, it creates and maintains jobs for others in our area. A healthy employment rate is the cornerstone of all economies. How can you help the economy recover? Start at home.

MARKETPLACE

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
JUDGMENT AND ORDER FOR SALE
PURSUANT TO THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE
AND PROVIDED, PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
THAT THE UNDERSIGNED AS COUNTY COLLECTOR
OF THE COUNTY OF OGLE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
WILL ON THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022 APPLY
TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
FOR JUDGMENT AGAINST LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE
HOMES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, AGAINST WHICH
THERE ARE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE
TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021, MOBILE HOME TAXES
FOR 2022 AND THE YEARS PRIOR DUE SEVERALLY
THEREON; ALSO FOR JUDGMENT FIXING THE
CORRECT AMOUNT OF ANY TAXES PAID UNDER
PROTEST AND THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL AT THE
TIME AFORESAID REQUEST THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
AN ORDER TO SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE
HOMES AS HEREIN AFTER DESCRIBED, FOR THE
SATISFACTION OF THE UNPAID AND DELINQUENT
TAXES; TOGETHER WITH ALL INTEREST AND COST DUE
THEREON; PUBLIC NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN
THAT THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY COLLECTOR,
PURSUANT TO AN ORDER THAT SAID CIRCUIT COURT
MAY ISSUE, WILL SELL SAID LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE
HOMES AT PUBLIC SALE AT THE COURT HOUSE IN
OREGON, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE AMOUNT
OF UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021,
MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR 2022 AND THE YEARS
PRIOR ON ALL, PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS THEREON,
SAID SALE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
2ND, 2022 COMMENCING AT 2:00 P.M.
THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS, TOGETHER WITH THE
DESCRIPTION OF THE LANDS, LOTS AND MOBILE
HOMES AND THE AMOUNT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES
FOR THE YEAR 2021, MOBILE HOME TAXES FOR THE
YEAR 2022 AND THE YEARS PRIOR SO DUE, BEING AS
FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

Dement Parcel Count: 24

25-13-300-002	\$8,159.05	SODS, LLC
25-14-400-015	\$65,655.02	RC OF CRESTON LLC
25-17-300-018	\$46,266.42	SHRI SIDDH GANESH INC
25-19-100-003	\$3,367.38	915 CARON LLC
25-23-205-011	\$3,825.36	MELARA, ELIO
25-23-227-009	\$800.95	MAY, CHRISTOPHER IAN & NIN
25-23-227-020	\$2,754.54	COUTTEAU, LORI
25-23-233-009	\$1,344.51	TURCIOS, EDGARDO
25-23-258-001	\$592.75	SANDERSON, MARGARET
25-23-277-005	\$908.00	PELAYO, VINCENT
25-23-279-003	\$1,394.19	SALGADO, ALEJANDRO & ELIZA
25-23-280-015	\$2,498.61	HUEBER, JON
25-23-284-005	\$1,123.86	HENSLEY, LEVI
25-23-285-004	\$833.22	MIDDLETON, CHARLES
25-23-404-008	\$1,924.91	GARCIA, EDGAR D & ALEMAN
25-23-405-009	\$29.64	MASCOTE, JOSE A & CRISTINA
25-24-100-002	\$2,075.21	NUYEN, JONATHAN B & OCELIA
25-24-100-003	\$1,518.33	NUYEN, JONATHAN B & OCELIA
25-24-100-015	\$16,041.87	NUYEN, JONATHAN & OCELIA M
25-24-100-016	\$530.50	NUYEN, JONATHAN & OCELIA M
25-29-300-021	\$10,834.07	BRU LLC
25-30-127-001	\$1,614.79	E & T PROPERTIES LLC
25-30-300-004	\$180,708.92	ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEM
25-32-301-003	\$152,628.08	CHI GREENHOUSE LLC

Flagg Parcel Count: 142

24-04-300-012	\$131.35	GRAFF, ANDREW G & SARAH J
24-05-100-006	\$1,412.48	DOWN RANGE, LLC
24-07-377-003	\$3,992.51	PUTZSTUCK, KYLE K & KLOUSE
24-12-102-002	\$2,547.87	WATERS, ERMINIA
24-12-152-024	\$2,668.16	GADSON, JAMIE
24-12-152-031	\$5,445.47	AJVAZI, SEADIN & MIDA
24-12-154-005	\$1,912.39	POTTER, ALFRED D & SUE K
24-12-304-003	\$831.00	HUERTA, JOSE
24-12-305-009	\$1,237.81	GILMORE, MICHELLE R
24-12-305-018	\$727.45	PULLIN, MICHAEL D & KARRY
24-12-328-023	\$1,138.78	ROCHA, MARIO
24-12-328-028	\$1,087.24	REDCLIFF, JOE & JANE
24-12-351-010	\$1,862.99	WETZEL, JAMES
24-12-354-011	\$1,968.51	CLICK, JIMMY & SALLY A
24-12-356-008	\$2,772.90	LOCKE, ROBERT
24-12-356-025	\$2,614.66	BRESETTE, CAROLYN
24-13-105-005	\$1,510.94	MOOREHEAD, JUSTIN
24-13-151-008	\$2,186.95	MOSS, NORVIN L & GERALDINE
24-13-152-008	\$1,891.09	HERNANDEZ, MIRIAM
24-13-384-015	\$1,012.51	GREGOR, TEEGAN T & RYV-GRE
24-13-453-010	\$1,901.65	KUBIAK, JOSEPH
24-13-458-001	\$5,052.19	ASKVIG BOYS CONSTRUCTION L
24-14-228-008	\$3,117.41	ITURBIDE, MICHAEL J & LAUR
24-14-278-006	\$3,216.49	HERGERT, RUTH
24-14-453-014	\$6,587.94	HASZ, PHIL & DEBRUHL, DAWN
24-14-454-047	\$3,054.58	MAJESKI, GREGORY E & DONNA
24-14-454-053	\$2,927.40	MARIJANE KOLB TRUST NO 1
24-14-455-017	\$4,056.29	SULLIVAN, JASON & RHONDA
24-14-476-021	\$3,639.61	KENNEDY, SCOT
24-15-306-009	\$101.02	ISLEY, TIMOTHY & ISLEY, KA
24-16-402-010	\$1,101.06	FITZGERALD, JAMES
24-16-426-007	\$1,462.76	RAMSEY, HERMAN & JEFFREY D
24-17-179-001	\$991.87	AJ HOMES LLC
24-17-351-006	\$5,496.32	RAMSEY, HERMAN L & KATHY L
24-18-226-003	\$2,752.69	MALAKER, JOANNA
24-18-426-013	\$3,298.73	JIMENEZ, ROSITA
24-18-477-001	\$2,194.19	RAMSEY, HERMAN & CATHERINE
24-20-476-003	\$3,368.78	FEELEY, ANDREW
24-20-476-006	\$1,888.21	MARKS, MICHAEL
24-20-477-007	\$3,017.02	BAUER, JANICE
24-20-478-008	\$3,825.42	TURCIOS, EDGARDO & VALENCI
24-21-201-003	\$2,614.84	FLOWERS, P JOANNE & LECHNE
24-22-400-015	\$150,374.17	PASQUESI FARMS LLC DBA MI
24-23-202-006	\$231.22	GOSSE, HAROLD & PAT
24-23-228-005	\$1,332.72	SALEM, RAED & HINDI, AMAL
24-23-230-024	\$4,568.29	KOMADINA, LEE ANN
24-23-276-018	\$1,256.39	GITTLESON, LOIS
24-23-300-002	\$5,518.13	CERVANTES TRUCKING INC
24-23-300-003	\$1,011.71	CERVANTES TRUCKING INC
24-23-427-017	\$2,089.47	HOCKERSMITH, RUTH L & CHEL
24-23-428-003	\$736.28	LOPEZ, MARIA DELLA
24-23-452-004	\$854.62	DUDZIAK, WALTER H & RODERI
24-23-477-010	\$1,287.98	KRAMER, RAYMOND W & JANET

24-23-478-002	\$884.19	KRAMER, RAYMOND W & JANET
24-23-485-001	\$168.32	HAYWELL LLC - WESTWOOD
24-24-126-027	\$1,982.56	AJ HOMES LLC
24-24-127-002	\$6,621.83	TRINGO, BARI
24-24-127-054	\$1,832.38	TRINGO, BARI
24-24-128-001	\$3,704.42	AVILA, RAMIRO & CAMPOS, J
24-24-152-015	\$837.64	PETRY, ERIK G & MARY
24-24-153-009	\$2,780.63	NASCA, FRANK
24-24-155-022	\$4,207.60	POPP, ARLENE M & YEAGER, F
24-24-159-002	\$909.08	GAUTHIER, EMILY
24-24-187-002	\$3,099.95	MORSE, DAN & TAMMY
24-24-201-009	\$23,545.80	ROCHELLE COMMONS, LLC,
24-24-277-008	\$3,329.81	FRANKFOTHER, BRYAN
24-24-301-004	\$2,845.19	RISSMAN, JESSICA & MATTHEW
24-24-306-008	\$3,988.24	MIDDLETON, CHARLES
24-24-307-010	\$3,423.43	KUEHL, WILLIAM
24-24-308-009	\$3,825.00	SEBREE, JEFFREY S & DIANA
24-24-311-001	\$2,210.15	AJ HOMES LLC
24-24-311-003	\$2,969.51	SIENKIEWICZ, MICHAL
24-24-328-002	\$2,573.68	TRACEY, DANIEL
24-24-330-001	\$5,215.44	CASIQUE, GRISELLE
24-24-333-001	\$1,105.56	BRIZUELA, MARTIN & SINGLET
24-24-339-009	\$1,436.59	KHAN, RIAZULLA
24-24-339-013	\$1,643.59	SALAZAR, JAIME
24-24-339-016	\$2,236.80	ALDO'S PIZZA & PASTA, INC
24-24-339-017	\$2,461.28	BARONE, ALDO
24-24-341-009	\$2,027.94	THE JB PROFIT SHARING TRUS
24-24-378-007	\$2,162.32	KC AND SE LLC
24-24-378-008	\$1,605.17	KC AND SE LLC
24-24-380-001	\$900.14	DUDZIAK, WALTER
24-24-380-002	\$1,405.19	DUDZIAK, WALTER
24-24-380-003	\$1,360.26	A S GIAN CORP
24-24-382-006	\$2,042.96	MAZZANTI, DONALD
24-24-382-007	\$2,038.93	ARREDONDO, JUAN
24-24-385-005	\$364.28	BRIZUELA, MARTIN
24-24-407-002	\$1,838.60	ENOCH, MONTE
24-24-479-002	\$1,242.75	SERRANO, ANA
24-25-102-012	\$214.29	SINGLETON, DIANA A & BRIZU
24-25-103-007	\$1,111.64	FAILLA, DENIEN
24-25-103-011	\$3,006.11	MERRIMAN, REBECCA
24-25-110-002	\$1,203.51	TURCIOS, EDGARDO
24-25-126-003	\$2,867.18	RIVERA, ALFREDO
24-25-126-019	\$477.04	SERRANO-GONZALES, AURELIO
24-25-127-014	\$1,143.33	VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE
24-25-128-003	\$140.87	VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE
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24-25-128-012	\$1,206.97	VINCE CARNEY COMMUNITY THE
24-25-130-004	\$836.40	AGUILERA, FIDEL
24-25-151-017	\$1,216.01	CALDERON, MARK
24-25-151-020	\$1,319.14	DE JESUS CHAVEZ, ANGEL
24-25-203-005	\$2,160.19	BRADFORD, NATASHA
24-25-203-016	\$1,494.00	BRIZUELA, MARTIN & SINGLET
24-25-211-005	\$1,831.99	PELAYO, RUBY LOURDES & MAR
24-25-214-015	\$1,164.96	ESTRADA, FILIBERTO
24-25-231-001	\$19,630.00	E & T PROPERTIES LLC
24-25-251-011	\$4,839.71	DAVIS, JOYCE
24-25-253-001	\$3,606.24	RODRIGUEZ, EDWARD III & LI
24-25-254-001	\$2,869.81	ROMAN, MARTINA
24-25-254-005	\$3,390.12	FULGENCIO, IGNACIO & YASMI
24-25-277-009	\$2,783.15	AJ HOMES LLC
24-25-277-011	\$1,434.45	AJ HOMES LLC
24-25-278-006	\$1,448.98	PELAYO, DAVID
24-25-279-007	\$956.41	JONES, KEENAN
24-25-280-015	\$937.11	CORO, MARIA
24-25-302-009	\$21,147.27	KWIK TRIP INC
24-25-326-009	\$1,645.42	MCENIRY, WILLIAM
24-25-329-003	\$3,207.70	MONTELONGO, JUAN JR & MARI
24-25-329-009	\$2,148.49	DANNER, TERRY
24-25-330-005	\$1,767.26	SANDERS, WILLIAM E
24-25-351-003	\$45,202.14	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST C
24-25-351-009	\$4,189.73	CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST C
24-25-376-002	\$485.19	SOUTH ROCHELLE II LLC
24-25-376-008	\$426.39	SOUTH ROCHELLE II LLC
24-25-376-015	\$281.14	SOUTH ROCHELLE II LLC
24-25-376-019	\$2,296.66	SOUTH ROCHELLE II LLC
24-25-376-021	\$805.20	SOUTH ROCHELLE II LLC
24-25-403-012	\$1,284.58	ABDALLAH, REHANA
24-25-405-004	\$4,061.90	JONES, JEFFREY & TRACY
24-25-406-003	\$4,762.52	PELAYO, DAVID
24-26-100-003	\$5,367.90	FRANKFOTHER, BRYAN
24-28-103-001	\$799.86	PELAYO, DAVID
24-28-106-011	\$4,080.31	DAVIDSON OF CRESTON LLC
24-32-300-004	\$2,437.47	LOCKWOOD, CHARLES R & C A
24-36-128-005	\$123.16	NEW DIRECTIONS HOUSING COR
24-36-203-014	\$2,629.45	VILLATORO, NEIL
24-36-204-003	\$2,465.45	LOPEZ, ALFREDO & MARIA DEL
24-36-352-008	\$4,278.00	ROBERTSON, JAMES C AND SUZ

Lafayette Parcel Count: 3

23-05-400-006	\$292.91	HARMS, AARON
23-12-200-002	\$2,589.32	KENNY, CHRISTOPHER
23-18-300-001	\$3,143.87	WETZEL, GARY A & LORI A

Lynnville Parcel Count: 4

19-05-176-006	\$2,856.43	FISHER, DON A & ELOISE A
19-05-328-006	\$1,436.62	BLASING, CLAUDE
19-05-329-007	\$2,285.10	KEANE, LINDA
19-05-379-002	\$339.20	SCHERRINSKY, DOUGLAS

Monroe Parcel Count: 21

12-03-300-002	\$1,190.02	EHMEN, DENNIS
12-06-100-004	\$2,649.63	KRUSE, KLINT
12-16-200-008	\$2,975.33	VALLEY POINT HOLDINGS CORP
12-17-426-001	\$1,585.40	EHMEN, DENNIS
12-18-100-001	\$2,779.27	THE CHRIS A AMES TRUST
12-18-100-003	\$4,970.57	THE CHRIS A AMES TRUST
12-18-100-005	\$182.06	THE CHRIS A AMES TRUST
12-18-100-006	\$716.05	THE CHRIS A AMES TRUST
12-19-401-001	\$1,712.79	PALMER, LARRY
12-19-427-004	\$2,300.76	AMES, DAVID & MONA
12-19-476-016	\$1,511.24	BEACH, BRENDA K & DAVID R
12-20-300-009	\$2,286.14	EHMEN, DENNIS
12-20-400-007	\$7,797.26	LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUN
12-21-300-005	\$7,141.84	EHMEN, DENNIS
12-21-427-002	\$1,065.73	LOWDER, RONALD A & SWICK,
12-21-479-001	\$2,206.52	FRANDSEN, LYNN D
12-26-100-005	\$1,265.19	FARLEY, DAVID N & JENNY A

12-26-100-006	\$3,834.57	FARLEY, DAVID N & JENNY A
12-30-200-009	\$3,009.01	STEWART, TERESA & DAVID
12-30-200-011	\$1,466.60	STEWART, DAVID MICHAEL
12-30-200-023	\$3,447.20	WYNN, DONALD R & VALERIE J

Taylor Parcel Count: 66

22-05-477-005	\$96.26	MCHUGH, PATRICK
22-05-477-006	\$96.26	MCHUGH, PATRICK J & MADELI
22-05-478-003	\$186.29	TOEPPER, DAVID
22-06-376-001 & CHR	\$1,653.49	KOLOGY, NATALIE ANNE
22-07-102-001 & CHR	\$1,958.40	KOLOGY, NATALIE ANNE
22-07-102-004 A	\$1,406.99	KING, ROBERT A & KARIN A
22-07-102-021	\$444.96	KING, ROBERT A & KARIN A
22-07-400-002	\$645.94	SCARBROUGH, RICK
22-08-105-013 & L	\$225.37	PEZZA, GEORGE & LYNN
22-08-127-030	\$186.29	BROWN, CHARLES
22-08-127-031	\$186.29	BROWN, CHARLES
22-08-127-051 & AUDR	\$161.07	LECAVALIER, DAVID S
22-08-129-018 & JOHAN	\$222.59	REARDON, BRADLEY J
22-08-129-019 & JOHAN	\$1,443.48	REARDON, BRADLEY J
22-08-129-020 & JOHAN	\$96.26	REARDON, BRADLEY J & JOHAN
22-08-129-021 & JOHAN	\$96.26	REARDON, BRADLEY J & JOHAN
22-08-177-035	\$1,692.45	JEPSEN, SCOTT
22-08-178-003	\$132.26	SEARL, RONALD
22-08-183-001	\$69.82	ADCOCK, KENNETH
22-08-201-014	\$161.07	BERAN, CODY & MELISSA
22-08-201-015	\$161.07	BERAN, CODY & MELISSA
22-08-251-005 & JE	\$69.82	CLARK, BRANDON THOMAS
22-08-251-006 & JE	\$69.82	CLARK, BRANDON THOMAS
22-08-251-012 & JE	\$69.82	CLARK, BRANDON THOMAS
22-08-251-013 & JE	\$69.82	CLARK, BRANDON THOMAS
22-08-251-016 & JE	\$161.07	CLARK, BRANDON THOMAS
22-08-252-020	\$132.26	CORK, SHAWN
22-08-252-021	\$132.26	CORK, SHAWN
22-08-253-007	\$186.29	PACIS, IMELDA H & PALMA,
22-08-253-023 & AUDR	\$1,044.72	LECAVALIER, DAVID S & AUDR
22-08-254-012	\$132.26	TURNER, JACOB & MEGHAN
22-08-376-005 & BON	\$132.26	WOITKOWIAK, DENNIS R & BON
22-08-376-009	\$132.26	KELLY, KERRY JOE & DEBBIE
22-08-401-011	\$69.82	KRATZ, KEITH & JEANNETTE
22-08-401-012	\$69.82	KRATZ, KEITH J & JEANNETTE
22-08-402-002	\$132.26	BONNELL, DUSTIN
22-08-402-003	\$69.82	DUBLIN, ERIC
22-08-402-004	\$69.82	DUBLIN, ERIC
22-08-406-009 & GWEN	\$69.82	ZIMMERMAN, ROBBIE R & GWEN
22-08-406-010 & GWEN	\$69.82	ZIMMERMAN, ROBBIE R & GWEN
22-08-406-019	\$132.26	PAYNE, EVAN & JENNIFER
22-08-427-019	\$132.26	NOON, JENNIFER
22-08-430-014	\$132.26	HARP, DENNIS A & YVETTE A
22-08-433-017	\$312.40	QUEST, ADAM & CARLA
22-08-433-018	\$3,363.29	QUEST, ADAM & CARLA
22-08-433-023	\$132.26	MALONEY, DONNA
22-08-453-011	\$132.26	D'ANZA, DAVID
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Rochelle Junior Tackle

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The Rochelle Junior Tackle eighth-graders faced Byron for the Big 14 Conference title on Saturday, falling 40-28 to finish 7-2 overall and second in the conference. The team includes Dylan Manning, Connor Lewis, Eliud Lombardia, Jonathan Andrist, Mason Ludwig, German Albertson, Angel Argueta, Brody Bruns, Tyler Gensler, Angel Hernandez, Adrian Dobberstein, Alex Pellicer, Keegan Cathina, Joshua Lassiter, Justin DeClerck, Julian Rodriguez, Luke Norris, Adam Cobos, Brandin Kirk, Owen Miller, Aaron Hernandez, Aiden Carmichael, Tyler Etes, Fernando Bautista, Zach Russell, Caiden Harris, Grant Daugherty, Chase Beatty, Rafael Herrera, Warren Schweitzer, Bryson Wells and Aaron DeClerck. The team is coached by Ben Manning, Brad Metzger, Jason Pavlak, Jim Gensler, Roman Martinez and Colin Troha.



The Rochelle Junior Tackle seventh-graders faced Sterling on the road Sunday, winning 22-8 to finish 7-2 overall and third in the Big 14 Conference. The team includes Aidan Lopez, Braylon Wells, Cohen Haedt, Maddox Hueramo, Zachary Johnson, Jayontae Hylton, Ethan Sturges, Tyson Pavlak, AJ Milan, Jace Spears, Luke Chadwick, Bo Lundquist, John Williams, Andrew Eyster, Caiden Redlarczyk, Brayden Harley, Xzavier Cepeda, Carter Gallagher, Owen Wyssbrod, D'Amontae Andrews, Levi McGee, Tyson Carmichael, Dominick Joyce, Levi Moore, Jax Sullivan, Logan Brandt, Miguel Carillo, Sebastian Albertson, Elijah Schweitzer and Holden Liebhaber. The team is coached by Chris Lewis, Cristian Perez, Michael Belmonte, Jeff Dickey and Dan Lundquist.



The Rochelle Junior Tackle sixth-graders faced Sterling on the road Sunday, winning 16-12 to finish 7-2 overall and third in the Big 14 Conference. The team includes Mikey Chadwick, Joey Chadwick, Nolan Zick, Braxton Bruns, Riley Smith, Kayl True, Elijah Good, Bentley Sveta, Ivan Xelhua, Vinny Tornabene, Kolton Cragin, Joshua Hernandez, Xavier Hueramo, Isaac Calvillo, Axel Alsop, Benjamin Morris, Mason Lopez, Kyler Rowe, Derik Maertz, Frank Hernandez, Peiton Portzen, Wyatt Knight, Charlie Kettleson, Declan McKinney, Eliot Kessen and Gavyn Foster. The team is coached by Bobby Chadwick, Mike Schweitzer, Chris Harley, Bob Chadwick and Adrian Smith.



The Rochelle Junior Tackle fifth-graders faced Byron for the Big 14 Conference title on Saturday, falling 36-20 to finish 7-2 overall and second in the conference. The team includes Maddex Jackson, Korbin Milos, Kamden Kessen, D'iyano Rangel, Jackson Hartnett, Vaughn Manning, Quentin Ansteth, Raylan Davis, Elijah Underwood, Roger Navarro, Gabriel Ellis, Sean Hudzik, Chase Brown, Garrett Miller, Gabriel Coats, Caleb Hawkins, Jaxon Quinonez, Landon Leigh, Aiden White, Jack Vogeler, Spencer Carpenter, Zachary Waddle, Easton Cunningham, Jaden Gaytan, Austin Sarver and Jaxon Harnesk. The team is coached by Riley Hall, James Jackson, Chad Davis and Jacob Davis.

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