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**BY JEFF HELFRICH** 

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does nothing to improve the safety of the citizens of Illinois," Tuesday's press release from Rock and VanVickle said. "There was not a mandate from the voters for it. It barely had enough votes to pass, even in the extremely-lopsided, Democrat-majority Springfield legislature. The process that was used to pass the bill was flawed, rendering the bill unconstitutional. The resulting bill language contains inconsistencies that will

ernment." The press release said VanVickle and Rock are hopeful the courts will declare the act unconstitutional before it goes into

full effect Jan. 1. VanVickle, who is currently the immediate past president of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, has previously testified against the SAFE-TAct in Springfield. He said since the amendments earlier this year, the legislature has been "not open to any discussions" related to bail reform, which is his chief concern with the SAFE-T



(PHOTO BY BRAD JENNINGS)

Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock and Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle announced that they have filed a complaint against Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul in Ogle County Circuit Court seeking to have the criminal justice reform SAFE-T Act declared unconstitutional.

"It's always been, 'Not this session. We'll do it in the next session,"" VanVickle said. "They've really gotten us to the point where we are today where there's an issue coming Jan. 1. Our concerns are

based in statute and the state's attorney feels that [filing a complaint] is the best way to address those. Because the legislature refuses to."

Ogle County's state's attorney and sheriff are not the first in Illinois to file a

complaint, and they likely won't be the last. VanVickle expects a "significant portion" of counties to file the same type of lawsuit and believes the eventual

number will be around 100.

## **IDOT eyes Rochelle for EV stations**

City Mgr. Fiegenschuh: 'More electric vehicles are coming'

**BY JEFF HELFRICH** MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Sept. 21, Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said that the Illinois Department of Transportation is looking at Rochelle for an initiative that involves putting in electric vehicle charging stations at Pilot Travel Centers and Love's Travel Stops.

IDOT has applied for federal funding for the idea and it met with city officials due to Rochelle being under consideration.

"They have several locations throughout the state that they've considered that might be a good location for large-scale charging stations," Fiegenschuh said. "This is in the infancy of the grant, so they've only looked at us. We told them, 'Certainly, but we don't want to own them.' So I think they're also looking to find a private, third-party entity that would basically own and operate the charging stations."

Rochelle is already the



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Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said that the Illinois Department of Transportation is looking at Rochelle for an initiative that involves putting in electric vehicle charging stations at Pilot Travel Centers and Love's Travel Stops.

Casey's General Store on the south side had Tesla charging stations put in earlier this year. The city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities have charging stations of their own downtown and more are planned for that area as part of a downtown grant the city recently received.

doesn't see the city being

interested in owning its own large-scale charging facility in the future, but he said RMU would be happy to provide the power to a private company, as it does with the new Tesla stations.

charging stations and then they bill out their customers," Fiegenschuh said. "If we were to get

"We just meter the

a large charging station in our community, that's the direction I think we'd want to go in. We'll just put in the infrastructure and have a primary meter and the owners have their own service beyond the meter. We'll sell the power to company X that has the charging stations."

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# See SAFE-T page 5 CRESTON

#### Board opts not to raise gaming fees

**BY JEFF HELFRICH** 

MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — At its monthly meeting Tuesday, the Creston Village Board resolved to not increase gaming fees for businesses within the village after a state law changed that allows fees per terminal to be increased from \$25 to \$250.

The only business in Creston with video gaming is Moose Knuckle Bar & Grill, which has six machines. Creston Village Attorney David Tess said that a boundary agreement that Creston has with Rochelle did not require it to have the same rate gaming fee structure.

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#### RCH donates AED to Rochelle Police Department

Rochelle Community Hospital donated an automated external defibrillator (AED) to the Rochelle Police Department. The defibrillator is one of two Rochelle Police recently received, and they will be placed in patrol cars to provide officers another resource with which to serve the community. Pictured left to right: RPD Communications Supervisor Luisa Nambo, RPD Chief Eric Higby, RCH Chief Executive Officer Gregg Olson, RCH Manager of Emergency Services Janis Astle and RCH Chief Nursing Officer Rhonda Marks.

#### RCH offers walk-in Thursdays for mammograms

**ROCHELLE**—Think Pink! Walk in at Rochelle Community Hospital for your screening mammogram on any Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary and you do not need a doctor's order to have a screening. For more information, please call the RCH Radiology Department at 815-562-2181, ext. 1350. If you are uninsured, ask about Well Woman services. Evening appointments are also available.

Any patient completing a mammogram during the

month of October will receive a "Nobody Fights Alone" t-shirt.

RCH has been offering 3D mammography to its patients for five years. Together, its technologists have a combined total of more than 45 years of mammography experience and one technologist is also bilingual. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a lot of women use this as a reminder for their yearly visit. RCH also sends a letter to remind its patients when their mammogram is due.

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course of a lifetime can influence your breast cancer risk. You can't change some factors, such as getting older or your family history, but you can help lower your risk of breast cancer by taking care of your health in the following ways: Keep a healthy weight, exercise regularly, don't drink alcohol or limital coholic drinks to no more than one per day, if you are taking, or have been told to take, hormone replacement therapy or oral contraceptives, ask your doctor about the risks and find out if it is right for you, breastfeed your children, if possible and if you have a family history of breast cancer or inherited changes in your BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, talk to your doctor about other ways to lower your risk.

Staying healthy throughout your life will lower your risk of developing cancer, and improve your chances of surviving cancer if it occurs.

Men are not exempt from breast cancer. If you have any concerns about discovery of a lump or any changes in your breasts, consult your physician sooner than later.

# Smoker competition fundraiser is Oct. 15

**BY JEFF HELFRICH**MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Saturday, Oct. 15 from 6-10 p.m. the Rochelle Township High School Education Foundation will be hosting a Boos, Brews & BBQ smoker competition fundraiser event at Fat Cat Slots at 229 Powers Road in Hillcrest.

Rochelle Foods has donated over 200 pounds of pork that will be smoked and made into various dishes by cooks that are participating in the event, which will also feature a musical performance by local band The Vodka Boys and a raffle. Entry for the event is \$20 per person.

This is the RTHSEF's second year putting on the smoker competition event as its fundraiser. The organization has held various iterations of fundraisers over the years.

"Last year's event was very well-attended," RTHSEF Board Vice President Angela Seldal said. "We had well over 100 people and Fat Cat Slots was packed inside and out. After all of our expenses, we raised around \$6,000, which was great. This year, we'll have the chef from Flight Deck Bar & Grillas a

judge and Jeremy Hicks of Hicks BBQ will be a judge as well. Last year everyone was amazed at the amount of food. People made very creative dishes with the pork. It's not just pulled pork sandwiches. There were poppers, taquitos and more. There will be raffle baskets. It's a great night out for \$20."

to the 30 Men Who Cook event, which was previously held as a fundraiser by the foundation. "But it's these enthusiastic men and women

siastic men and women who want to smoke their food," Seldal said. "There are sides too. Last year we even had smoked bacon-wrapped Oreos. They were very creative last year."

The money the RTHSEF raises is used to buy things for the high school that the normal RTHS budget can't afford. In the past, it's been used to buy drones, heart monitors, physical education equipment, special library books and cameras.

Teachers write grants and apply to the RTHSEF. The requirements for the grant are that the purchases be sustainable and impact a large number of students.

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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said Rochelle is under consideration by IDOT because of its proximity to Interstate 39 and Interstate 88 and the lack of charging stations in the area.

## **CITY:** More EV stations could come to Rochelle

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"There was a time before we had ours here that
there weren't any between
Rockford and Peru," Fiegenschuh said. "If we
don't have ours here, when
you go from DeKalb on
Interstate 88 there aren't
much to the west. We're
on two major interstates
and our proximity to other
charging stations makes
for a need."

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More electric vehicles and charging stations in the future will require RMU to upsize its infrastructure, Fiegenschuh said. At this point, RMU is not able to handle more of them without improvements, especially for home chargers put in by residents in older areas

of town.

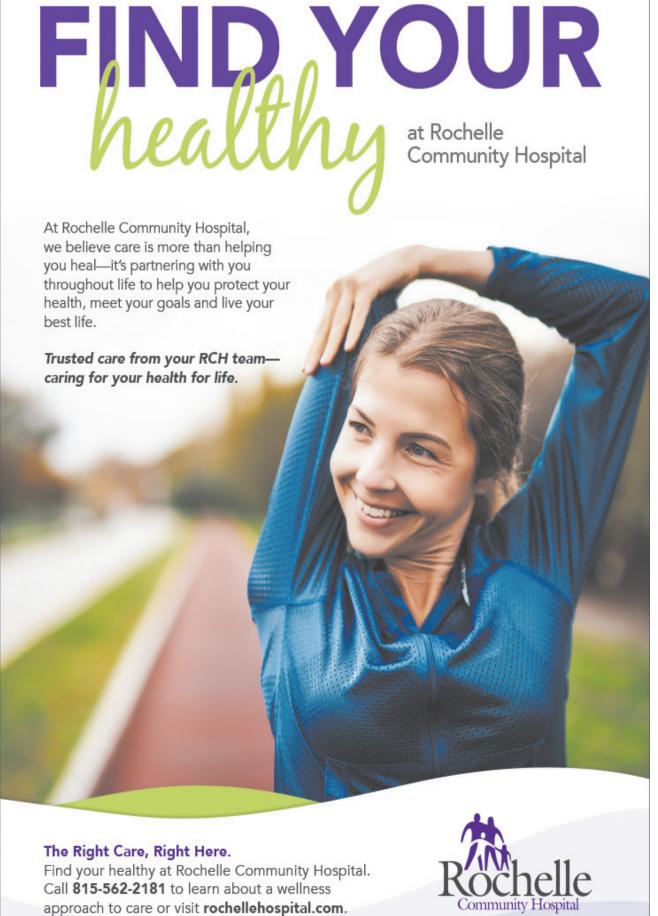
More charging stations will require upsizing wires and transformers, which will bring costs to the city-owned utility.

"If that happens, you have to have the infrastructure in place for these vehicles to charge," Fiegenschuh said. "I definitely think it's going to be an issue in the future. That's why it's great to have a local utility because you have people here trying to determine, 'How do we make that happen?'"

The city manager said

The city manager said he expects to see "a large amount" of charging stations coming to the state and area in the future, especially with federal funding available. RMU plans to look at making improvements over time with the idea of more charging stations in mind. "More electric vehicles

"More electric vehicles are coming and we need to be prepared for it," Fiegenschuh said.



## **CRESTON:** Board approves maintenance vehicle purchase

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In recent months, the Rochelle City Council approved future gaming fee increases. Gaming fees will be raised in Rochelle gradually over a three-year period starting Jan. 1, 2023 to \$100, to \$150 on Jan. 1, 2024 and to \$250 on Jan 1, 2025.

#### Vehicle

The board unanimously approved the purchase of a new maintenance vehicle from Brad Manning Ford in DeKalb that will be used to plow snow and do work around the village. The 2022 Ford F-250 will cost the village a maximum of \$70,000. The purchase of a snow plow and lights was also unanimously approved not to exceed \$13,000.

The board waived competitive bidding on both purchases due to supply shortages in the vehicle industry.

The village plans to hold onto its current maintenance vehicle until the new truck is in service and possibly sell it afterwards.

#### Farm lease

The board voted 6-0 with Trustee Wayne Williams abstaining to issue a notice to quit to Eric Petry, who has a lease to

farm 144.6 acres of the village's land that will soon expire.

Petry attended last month's meeting and offered to increase his rent for another year by \$20 per acre that would bring it up to \$330. The village plans to negotiate with Petry and potentially go out for bid for the lease of the land in the future.

"I think we need to get the best deal we can for the village," Village President Tom Byro said. "There's a lot of big numbers around. We don't have to take anybody's bid if we don't want to."

#### Well

#### Maintenance

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge presented costs for planned upcoming well maintenance in the village. The work will likely take place in the spring.

Creston has two wells (well two and well three). Well three was drilled in 1980 and has never been pulled to be examined for maintenance, which is planned by the village. The base price for the work is \$18,500. After that, there will be unknowns until it's known what work is needed.

"Those unknowns could be another \$28,000," Bunge said.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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"If different parts are bad and need to be replaced. It's up to the board if you would like to pay for a temporary pump in case there's a problem with the other well during the work. The village could be without water if that happened. The temporary cost for the pump is \$13,500."

The board took no action on the matter and will revisit it in the future as the work gets closer.

#### Abandoned

#### **Properties**

Village Building Inspector Casper Manheim said during the meeting that work is ongoing to clean up abandoned properties in the village.

Last month, Byro stated the village's desire to get the properties cleaned up through inspection, taking legal action and potentially purchase by the village.

#### Christmas tree

The board unanimously approved a \$1,075 donation to the Creston Dement Library for the purchase of a tree that will be planted across from the library to use as a Christmas tree in Creston in the years ahead.

Christmas in Creston will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include vendors and activities and the booster hall,

library and possibly the school. The parade will take place the night of Dec. 2.

#### Halloween

Trick-or-treating in Creston will take place Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5-8 p.m., aligning with the City of Rochelle's plans.

#### **Hydrants**

Hydrant flushing in the village will take place Oct. 18 and 19.

## RTHS: Education Foundation fundraiser set for Oct. 15

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"The kids get to experience things like technology," Seldal said. "The school can't always afford to have those

new innovations. That's something we can step in and do. The kids get to work with things like drones. We bought some cool physical education equipment. These are

things the kids wouldn't get to experience with the everyday budget."

Seldal thanked the sponsors of the event such as Rochelle Foods and Holcomb, Central and Stillman Banks. Rochelle Community Hospital is the fundraiser's presenting sponsor.

"The community always supports our event," Seldal said. "They spon-

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SeldalsaidtheRTHSEF is always looking for new board members to expand on its work to help RTHS students such as the Oct.

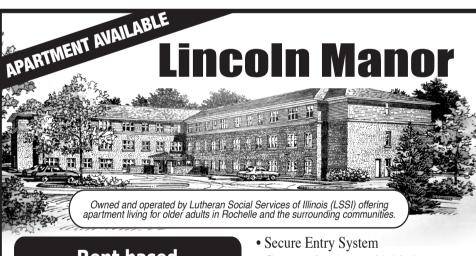
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#### **Obituaries**

### Donna M. Gilbert Olson

na M. Gilbert Olson, 98, of Rochelle, passed away Friday, Oct. 7 at Manor Court of Rochelle. She was born Jan. 11, 1924, in Ashton, the daughter of Everett and Velma (Wilson) Gilbert. She married Dale Arthur Gilbert on Dec. 29, 1945, in Ashton. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1962. She then married Peter H. Olson on April 23, 1968, in Rochelle. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 1985. Donna was the long-

time manager of the school cafeteria for Rochelle School District 231. She worked out of Tilton School but prepared food for all the schools in the district. She was a member of the Rochelle United Methodist Church. She was a member of the VFW

Auxiliary Post 3878 as well as the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary

Donna is survived by two sons; David (Sharon) Gilbert of Morton and Paul Gilbert of Rochelle: three grandchildren, Erik Gilbert of Rochelle, Aaron (Julie) Gilbert of Cary, Illinois and Chad (Michelle) Gilbert of Washington, Illinois; a granddaughter-in-law, Wendy Gilbert of Rochelle; and six great grandchildren, Alex, Ryleigh, Alika, Grace, Molly and Ellie.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Donna is preceded in death by a brother, E. Dale Gilbert; sister, Patsy (Paul) Nattzinger and daughter-inlaw, Karen Gilbert.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Unger-Horn-



er Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle with Pastor Katherine Paisley officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Contributions in Donna's memory may be directed to the David Crawford Foundation or the Rochelle United Methodist

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#### County recycling event scheduled for Oct. 15 **OREGON** — The

Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) will be hosting a residential electronics recycling and paper shredding event as well as a food drive on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the County Annex Building located at 909 Pines Road in Oregon. This event is for Ogle County residents only, no business or institutional electronics or documents accepted. Residential electronics

will be accepted from 8 a.m. to noon at this event. Accepted items include all televisions, computer monitors, computers and computer cords and accessories, printers, FAX machines, desktop copiers, tablets, cell phones, laptop computers, DVD players and VCRs, satellite/cable boxes, radios, stereo equipment, shredders (no tubs), video game equipment, rechargeable batteries, printer ink cartridges, digital clocks, calculators, holiday light strands and other small electronics. Microwave ovens are accepted for a \$5 fee per unit. Permits are required for the electronic recycling event, obtain a free permit by calling 815-732-4020 or email your name, address and phone number to solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov.

Paper shredding will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon. No permit is required for paper shredding. Paper shredding is provided by the OCSWMD and is free for residents. All documents will be shredded on site. Limit four banker-size boxes of documents per Buy, Sell, Trade or Rent

household. Remove all paper clips and metal binding materials prior to the event.

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

Call the OCSWMD at 815-732-4020 for more information about this recycling event, or on Facebook at Ogle County Solid Waste Management Dept.



## **Deputies conduct traffic stops**

OREGON — On Oct. 2 at 8:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a speeding violation. After an investigation, Sierra Sprague, 23, of Loves Park was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Sprague was also cited for speeding 26-34 m.p.h. over the speed limit, improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. Sprague was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. On Oct. 2 at approx-

imately 12:50 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop within the 15,000 block of East Illinois Route 64 for a stop sign violation. After an investigation, Victor M. Solis, 27, of Carol Stream, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Solis was additionally cited for disobeying a stop sign. Solis was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 3 at about 7:58 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,000 block of West Illinois Route 72/26. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested John Vaultonburg, of Forreston, for driving while license suspended. Vaultonburg was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date. Vaultonburg was

also issued a citation for an equipment infraction.

On Oct. 4 at approximately 8:31 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of West Illinois Route 38 in Rochelle. After a brief investigation, Omar Penaran-Lopez, 24, of Rochelle, was arrested for no valid driver's license and an active arrest warrant. Penaran-Lopez was also cited for failure to yield while turning left, improper turn signal and illegal transportation of alcohol. Penaran-Lopez was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 10:32 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 100. After investigation, deputies placed Codaine Harris, 34, of Rockford under arrest for driving while license suspended. Harris was additionally issued a citation for illegal window tint. Harris was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 5 at approximately 9:13 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 100. After investigation, deputies placed Demarian Jordan, 21, of Rockford under arrest for no valid driver's license. Jordan was additionally issued a citation for an inoperable registration light. Jordan

was released on an I-Bond at the scene and given a future court date.

On Oct. 6 at approximately 11:33 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Interstate 39 and Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies placed Katrina Miller. 37, of Mt. Morris under arrest for possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Two passengers in the vehicle, Cole Smith, 34, of Rochelle and Zachary Doty, 26, of Rochelle, were placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. Miller was additionally issued a citation for following too closely. Miller was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge. Smith and Doty were both transported to the Ogle County Jail where they were held in lieu of bond.

On Oct. 6 at 5:51 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 2,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. As a result, Drew J. Markham, 25, of Oregon was arrested for driving while license suspended. Markham was also issued a citation for improper lane usage. Markham was released on an I-Bond with a court date to appear.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

**Rochelle Police Report** 

## Officers make arrests

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 4 at 12:56 p.m. Jared S. Huffstutler, 36, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond with a Nov. 4 Rochelle court date. On Oct. 4 at 1:49 p.m.

Deion M. Commack, 26, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of aggravated battery to a police officer, criminal trespassing, resisting arrest and obstructing and was transferred.

On Oct. 5 at 11:22 a.m. Maurice D. Clark, 62, of Rockford was cited for failure to report an accident and leaving the scene of an accident. He signed a promise to comply and

was given a Nov. 4 Rochelle court date.

On Oct. 5 at 11:10 p.m. Albert J. Paquette, 50, of Ontario was cited for failure to yield turning left. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Nov. 18 Rochelle court date.

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Rochelle Edward Jones office supports 2022 Toys for Tots Drive ROCHELLE — An-

thony Rowley, a local Edward Jones financial advisor, is supporting the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program by using his office as a drop-off location for this year's toy drive.

Local residents may help needy children in the area by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy to the office, 326 Lincoln Highway, during regular business hours beginning first of October through early December. Monetary gifts cannot be accepted.

"With the holiday season around the corner, we are all getting ready for the festivities," Rowley said. "And as this is the season of giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our commu-

#### **Crawford Foundation's Pancake Breakfast**



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Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from

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## LOCAL NEWS

## SAFE-T: VanVickle, Rock file complaint over new legislation

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"I'm not sure that pressure on the state is the goal, but we've tried to have dialogue with the legislature," VanVickle said. "As part of the ISA, we've tried to have this dialogue with them and they haven't been open to it. This was really the result of their lack of response. We had to go a different avenue. It goes back to public safety. What we've seen in New York and Chicago is not what we want in our communities. And that's what we're going to have."

VanVickle said a little over 50 percent of the current population housed in the Ogle County Jail will be released Jan. 1 due to the SAFE-T Act changes. Offenses of released inmates could include arson, weapons charges, obstructing or assaulting a police

officer and threatening a public official, he said. "With the bail reform coming Jan. 1, that's the biggest concern for us," VanVickle said. "That we're going to have violent offenders who won't be held in jail anymore and they're going to be back out in the community reoffending after they've already had charges filed against them. So there's really no onus on their crimes."

The sheriff said there are parts of the initial legislation that he believes are beneficial to the law enforcement profession, but he believes more changes are needed.

"A wholesale change of not only law enforcement, but the criminal justice system is not what we want," VanVickle said. "The intent of it was to provide more oversight for law enforcement, but it took it a step further and provided the ability for criminals to be out on bond or with no bond and it really doesn't keep the citizens of this state or the people who visit it safe. Those are the primary concerns for me."

As the county prepares for the changes Jan. 1, new policies and procedures have been worked on locally "at a very high level," but have not yet been rolled out to deputies and corrections officers. Law enforcement officials are still waiting on more guidance from the state and potential changes.

When some police reform changes took effect on the past Jan. 1, changes came days later and policy had to be redone at local levels. As far as the complaint, the sheriff doesn't believe an answer will come from the judicial system before



(PHOTO BY BRAD JENNINGS

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"That is my concern, what we're going to do between now and Jan. 1 when it becomes effective," VanVickle said. "That's my major concern. The lawsuit is going to take longer to play out and whether it's ruled unconstitutional or pieces of it are, that's yet to be determined. But at this point, my concern is between now and the implementation date."

-Rochelle Area

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Primitive Baptist Church, services 3'd Sunday each month, at 10:30 a.m. and I 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.

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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: stpatricksrochelle.com Email: stpatrick-rochelle@rockforddiocese.org Facebook.com/StPatrickRochelle

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## LOCAL VIEWS

And the law also states

that judges will still decide

whether a person will

remain detained or not.

This does not take away

law good? Well, it could be

good for keeping people

who really don't need to be

in jail out of jail. But I am

no legal expert. I can see

where there could be prob-

lems, and I am sure there

will be some problems

while the system is new.

But let's be clear –

people out on bail have

re-offended for years. I am

not sure this will make it

worse. In New Jersey this

system has had some suc-

cess, but we will see here

tion of this crime reform

package that was passed.

But cash bail is one por-

The law addresses

police training and

equipment. It in-

cludes requiring all

law enforcement

agencies in the

state to have body

cameras by 2025.

And those cameras

must be turned on

when an officer

is in uniform and

I think that is good,

for the public and police.

Look, the vast majority of

officers are professionals

who are focused on protecting and serving the

communities they work

for. But we also know that

some are doing bad things

in the line of duty. Having

a body camera on will pro-

tect the good officers and

either stop the bad ones

before they act or provide

evidence of malfeasance

be a horrible mistake, it can

and should be repealed.

But I tend to think we need

to see how it works before

editor of the Ogle County

Brad Jennings is the

we pass judgement.

If this law turns out to

on the job.

responding to a call.

**Brad** 

**Jennings** 

in Illinois how it works.

So, is this portion of the

their power.

## Looking at the **SAFE-T Act**

THE SAFE-T Act is not making a lot of friends in law enforcement. The act, which will

abolish cash bail at the beginning of next year among other things, has drawn the ire of many law enforcement officials across the state, including in Ogle County. Last week, Ogle County Sheriff Brian Van Vickle and Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced that they have filed a complaint against Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul in Ogle County Circuit Court. The aim is to have the act deemed unconstitutional.

Time will tell if this move is successful or not, but to me, there is not just one way to feel about the

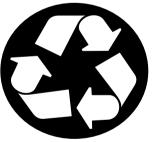
new law. That is often the case, but people do seem to simply fall on one side or the other. Nuance is certainly not popular in 2022. First, the "no

bail" portion of this is often overstated by some. This is really aimed at overhaul-

ing the pre-trial system in the state. Would criminals of all kinds just simply be dumped onto the streets while awaiting trial? Of

The law abolishes cash bail and provides what is called a presumption in favor of release for misdemeanors, traffic offences and other offences that are deemed petty. This is not for murderers and rapists and molesters as some would like you to believe. The goal is to keep poor

people from being stuck in jail for ages before a trial because they can't afford bail. We see plenty of rich people brought up on horrible charges simply bail out and enjoy life. That is clearly an unfair system.



#### Read and Recycle

## **Grief and developing empathy ▼** RIEF is a strange

thing. You never get over it. You just learn to live with it.

I was thinking about that this month when I wrote a story about Dee Stern, a woman who works as a chaplain at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Spring-

She has just written a book about helping grieving people: "Comforting the Bereaved Through Listening and Positive Responding."

She has all kinds of terrific advice for what to say and not to say to someone who has suffered a loss.

For example, never say someone "committed" suicide, Stern said. She said the word "committed" conjures thoughts of a criminal act, which suicide She recalled a lady

whose son ended his life and someone went up to her and patted her on the hand and said, 'I'm going to pray for you because your son's been damned to hell."

Stern said that is an example of what not to say.

Grieving people need a listening ear more than advice, no matter how well intentioned. "The bereaved are not

listened to. They're not

allowed to tell their story and they need to tell their story," she said.

As I chatted with Dee, I kept thinking of my own father. When I was growing up, Dad was one of the least empathetic people I knew. He was a good man, but he was often oblivious to the pain around him. I remember one time

when I was 11 or 12; we were vaccinating hogs and his needle was flashing by going from one patient to another. The syringe missed the pig's flank and embedded in my thigh. "I exclaimed, 'Dad, you

gave me the shot! He grunted and gave the dose to the intended patient. The farmer who observed the interaction still laughs at my father's response. He didn't say

"I'm sorry," or acknowledge the pain he inflicted. (I still wonder what swine disease I've been immunized for.

Dad was a doer, not a listener. If a neighbor died. he'd be one of the people who volunteered to help harvest the crops at no charge to the widow. But if it came to sitting and listening to the widow talk about how much she missed her husband, he

was quite uncomfortable. When I was a young

reporter in Galveston, Texas, in the 1980s, the world was in the midst of the AIDS crisis. Being the local newspaper's medical reporter, I wrote a series on the devastating effects of the disease on the city's gay community.

I found myself notebook in hand attending a grief support group for men infected with AIDS. When I mentioned my assignment to my father he exclaimed, "Don't breathe too deep when you're around them." My dad was a

veterinarian. He knew the virus was spread by bodily fluids, not the air. But what creeped him out was the idea of people sitting in a circle and talking about feelings.

After I had published the piece and my parents had read it, my father kind of grunted and didn't have much more to say. (That's how he dealt with things that made him uncomfortable.) Looking back, I still

Scott

Reeder

want to weep for those young men who all surely succumbed to the virus. One day my mom told

me that my dad had vol-

unteered to work as a grief counselor with the Stephen Ministry at our church in Galesburg. When she told methis, I thought it was the

worst matchup ever. But sometimes God calls us out of our weakness, not our strength.

During the decades he worked as a grief counselor, I saw him change. He developed empathy not just for those he was counseling, but for humanity as a whole. He became a caring,

empathetic individual. He spent hours every week visiting the bereaved and just listening to them talk about their loss. He took classes in what to say and what not to say. One of the things he

shared with me is never ask someone: "Why?" It comes across as judgmental. To this day, I have no idea who the people were he counseled.

But I can say with certainty that the person most changed wasn't those being counseled but the one doing the counseling. He became an empathetic

Could it be, when we give we receive more in

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Thanks for bottle cap bench program help is yet to be realized."

want to send a big thank you to all the people who made the re-cycle bottle cap bench program possible. They include Kiwanis

Golden K, the City of Rochelle, employees of the Rochelle Landfill, the Rochelle Township High School Key Club, the Rochelle Middle School Builders Club, the Creston Grade School Builders

Club, the Kings Grade School Builders Club, the Methodist Church Youth Group, Mrs. Leah Vanstone and friends, Liberty Village residents and the

many, many people who brought bottle caps, one as far away as Rockton. George Washington Carver once said: "A weed is a plant, whose full potential

Our plastic is the weed of our generation. We need

to energize our youth and become a part of the solution by turning plastic bottle caps

into useful items.

Our choice at

this time is sixfoot park benches. On display now are benches at: North RTHS bike path, RMS, Kings Grade School, Creston Grade School, Rochelle Rail Park (red stripe, fire dept.) and Rochelle Rail Park (blue stripe, police dept.) Other possibilities are tables, parking bumpers and landscape timbers. "We can either be a part of the problem or part of the solution."

> **Dennis Swinton**, Kiwanis Golden K

#### **VOICE ON THE STREET**

## Question:

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

"Be a blessing, not a burden."

"Keep moving forward, progress can be slow."

"Listen with your eyes, not just with your ears!"

Betsy Eckhardt

Tyler Isham

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## COMMUNITY





#### Wheatland Tube, Addoco, Inc. donate to Rochelle Police Department

In a Facebook post Wednesday, the Rochelle Police Department thanked Wheatland Tube, LLC (Zekelman Industries) and Addoco, Inc. for donations to be able to purchase automated external defibrillators (AED) for its squad cars.

## Interstate 39 work in Ogle County began Oct. 3

OGLE COUNTY -The Illinois Department of Transportation announced

that weather permitting, construction on southbound Interstate 39 in Ogle County began Monday, Oct. 3. The work zone is south of the Illinois 64 interchange (exit 104).

Work will install new weigh-in-motion sensors in the road. One lane of traffic will be open during the \$1.1

Oct.9

John Oleson

Oct. 10

Sandra Hickey

Oct. 11

James & Lyndsey OBrien

(anniversary)

Oct. 12

Kyle Bridgeman

Oct. 13

Ivan Olson

Jack Olson

Oct. 14

Samantha Zellers

million project. In-roadway work is expected to be completed by Oct. 21.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through year

three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges and 621 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at@IDOTDistrict2orview area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on Getting AroundIllinois.com.



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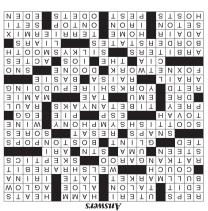
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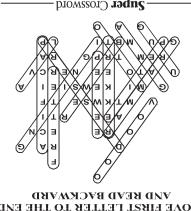
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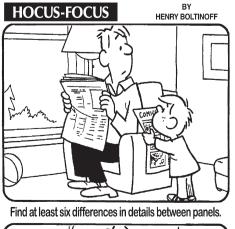
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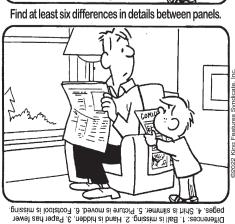


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# SPORTS



SECTIONAL GOLFERS

Rochelle's David Wanner and Ian Metzger competed at the IHSA 2A Golf Sectional.

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RTHS Boys Soccer

# Hubs shut out Dukes

Diaz scores four as Rochelle cruises over Dixon 6-0 in nonconference play

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—Sophomore forward Fernando Diaz was a one-man wrecking crew for the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team during Tuesday's nonconference match against Dixon.

Diaz knifed through the Dixon defense on several occasions, scoring a season-high four goals to lead the Hubs over the Dukes 6-0. Rochelle (10-7, 4-2 Interstate 8) will have three more regular-season matches before kicking off the IHSA 2A Sycamore Regional, which will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The sixth-seeded Hubs will face the third-seeded Kaneland Knights.

"It's a huge confidence booster for me and I thought I really bounced back for my team," Diaz said. "Ithink we're playing pretty well right now. We just need to work on our finishing. We know Kaneland defends well and we have to pass the ball well and take quality shots. We have a really strong middle with Jace [Whitehead] and Jared [Montano] and that's helped us a lot."

Rochelle scored all six goals in the first half on Tuesday. The Hubs, who

outshot the Dukes 34-2 and 26-2 in shots on goal while recording six corner kicks, took the lead in the 20th minute when senior midfielder Jace Whitehead rolled an unassisted goal into the Dixon net. Diaz followed with unassisted goals in the 28th and 31st minutes to give the Hubs a 3-0 advantage.

"We've really looked good over the last few matches and we know how we want to play," Whitehead said. "We know we can compete against good teams. We just have to get out on the practice field and take more shots on goal. We're creating opportunities, but we're not putting them away, so we need to continue working on that in practice. Kaneland is really strong with the ball, so we have to be stronger and we have to prevent them from getting it up the field."

Freshman midfielder Heilly Zepeda took control of the ball inside the Dixon box during the 37th minute, finding Diaz for his third goal to put Rochelle ahead 4-0. The Hubs clinched their win near the end of the first half, with Diaz booting in his fourth goal during the 39th minute before freshman forward Kevin Orozco capitalized on a breakaway opportunity in the 40th



Sophomore Fernando Diaz races Dixon's Cooper Fox for the ball during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer match against the Dukes on Tuesday. Rochelle shut out Dixon 6-0 for a nonconference win.

#### Mendota

The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team faced

saves for the Hubs. forward Alberto Casillas Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. scored the team's lone goal as Rochelle fell 4-1 against the Trojans in nonconference play. The Hubs (10-8,

Mendota held a slight advantage on the offensive end, outshooting Rochelle 13-10 and 9-4

minute. Senior goalkeeper Mendota on the road Thurs- 4-2 Interstate 8) will host in shots on goal. Senior Jarett Milan totaled two day evening. Sophomore Marmion Academy on goalkeeper Jarett Milan finished with four saves for the Hubs, who led 1-0 after an unassisted goal from Casillas during the

28th minute.

**RTHS Girls Tennis** 

## Lady Hub netters secure home win over Harlem

Rochelle concludes regular season with matches against Dixon, Princeton

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams were in command as the two battled Harlem's Maya Hargraves and Emilia Garcia on the No. 1 doubles court during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team's home match against the Huskies on Monday.

With three of the five matches going to three sets, Nantz and Williams needed only two sets in their match, cruising over Hargraves and Garcia 6-2, 6-3 as the Lady Hubs defeated the Huskies 4-1 in nonconference action. Rochelle (4-9, 0-5 Interstate 8) swept all three doubles matches on Monday, while the Lady Hubs and the Huskies halved the two singles

"It felt really good to win and everyone was really excited," Nantz said. "I'm hoping we can carry that excitement over to the conference tournament this weekend. The competition is much better and we've had to step up our game, but I think we've handled that really well. I think my serves have been a lot stronger. We have a tightknit group and I think that

can take us far." Action shifted over to the No. 1 singles court shortly after, where junior Elin Zheng scored a 6-4, 6-3 win over Ana Besevic to record Rochelle's second victory of the evening. The Lady Hubs clinched the match win on the No. 2 doubles court, where seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley hung tough to overcome a second-set loss and secure a 6-3, 4-6, 10-3 victory against Kelly Schemel and Molly Williams. Rochelle has now won back-to-back dual matches.

"It was really nice to come through as a team and getawin," Zheng said. "It's definitely a big change from playing at the JV level and it's been a great experience because I've been able to face better players. I've become a lot more consistent with my ground strokes and I think I'm serving the ball better. I think we have a really good group this year and everyone's so friendly."

Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle went down to the wire with Breanna Sotelo-Cisneros and Cassandra Claeyssen





(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team defeated Harlem 4-1 on Monday. At left, senior Marisa Whaley hits a volley shot near the net. At right, senior Bailey Jackson goes to her backhand stroke.

at the No. 3 doubles court, fighting to the finish and scoring a 6-4, 4-6, 10-7 victory for the Lady Hubs. Senior Abby Tarvestad also went the distance against Rita Zhu at the No. 2 singles court, falling just short in a 5-7, 6-3, 11-13 loss.

#### Dixon Seniors Bailey Jackson

and Marisa Whaley saw

their No. 2 doubles match

against Arielle Tefiku and

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evening, when the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team battled the Dixon Duchesses in nonconference action. Looking to rebound

from a close second-set

three hours on Tuesday

loss, Jackson and Whaley came through in the clutch for the Lady Hubs, building an early lead in the third-set tiebreaker and holding on for a 7-6, 4-6, 10-6 victory.

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## **HUB SPOTLIGHT**



Freshman Ian Metzger (right) and senior David Wanner (left) represented the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team at the IHSA 2A Sterling Sectional at Emerald Hill.

## Rochelle duo competes at **IHSA 2A Sterling Sectional**

**BY RUSSELL HODGES** 

**SPORTS EDITOR** 

**STERLING**—Freshman Ian Metzger and senior David Wanner represented the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team at the IHSA 2A Sterling Sectional at Emerald Hill Golf Course on Monday.

Metzger carded an 89 to tie for 60th out of 112 athletes in the sectional meet. The freshman fired a 44 over his first nine

holes, earning a par on the 18th hole before recording three consecutive pars across the sixth, seventh and eighth holes on the second nine, where he totaled a 45. Metzger was Rochelle's low scorer in the IHSA 2A Mendota Regional at Mendota

Golf Club, where he also carded an 89 to lead the Hubs (5-9, 2-5 Interstate 8) to seventh place.

"The greens were really fast and the pins were in very tough locations," Metzger said. "We were mostly playing to two-putt on each hole and we needed a good drive and good iron shots to get the ball on the green and score well. I could see the difference in the caliber of players I faced compared to the regional and I knew I had

to post a good number if I wanted to get through... I thought I had a good season and I know now what it takes to qualify for sectionals and state."

Wanner, who won a four-man playoff at the regional to earn the 10th and final at-large qualifying berth, concluded his senior season with a 104 at the sectional meet. Wanner finished with four pars over 18 holes, carding a 51 on the back nine as well as a 53 on the front nine. Wanner,

who hadn't played high school golf until this fall, is one of four seniors (Griffin Ohlinger, Damen Harrington and Wade Smith) who will depart from the varsity lineup after this season.

"The course was similar to the one we played in Mendota and I thought the greens read pretty true," Wanner said. "It was a great atmosphere and I enjoyed playing against really good golfers. I didn't play as well as I hoped, but it was an honor to qualify and have the chance to play a sectional. The season was a lot of fun and I enjoyed spending time with my coaches and friends. I enjoyed getting better at the sport and it's something I can do for the rest of my life."







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## **SPORTS**

**RTHS Volleyball** 

## Resilience fuels Lady Hubs against Sycamore

Rochelle wins feverish third-set rally to outlast Spartans 23-25, 25-16, 33-31

BY RUSSELL HODGES

SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Neither the Rochelle Lady Hubs nor the Sycamore Spartans wanted to leave the floor as the losing team on Thursday, when the Interstate 8 Conference foes went point-for-point near the end of a feverish third set that included over 60 points scored between the two rivals.

Both teams had opportunities to earn match points in the third set, but the combined resilience from the Lady Hubs and Spartans dragged the set beyond the usual 25-point finishing score. Looking for a much needed conference win on Volley for the Cure Night, Rochelle emerged victorious in the end, with sophomore setter Ali Ohlinger dumping the ball over the net before a hitting error from Sycamore allowed the Lady Hubs to claim a 23-25, 25-16, 33-31 victory.

"It was a really intense match," Ohlinger said. "I can't remember the last time I played in that intense of a match. I thought we all played really well and we stuck together as a team. Sycamore's a really tough opponent and we knew we had to bring everything we

The Lady Hubs (15-12-3, 6-4 Interstate 8) surged ahead in the first set, where senior outside hitter Addie Friestad smashed multiple kill shots to spark a 7-3 run at the start of the match. Rochelle maintained a 17-13 lead midway through the first set, but consecutive kills from the Spartans and a series of strong defensive plays in the back row enabled Sycamore to tie the score at 22-22. The Spartans closed the set on a 12-6 run to take a 1-0 set lead in the match.

A series of aces from Ohlinger, who had three along with 31 assists and five kills on Thursday, helped the Lady Hubs open the second set on an 11-3 run. Emphatic kill shots from Friestad, who led Rochelle with 13 in the match, as well as a powerful kill from junior right side Alivia Henkel gave the Lady Hubsa 15-5 advantage and forced Sycamore's first timeout of the night.

"Our passing and hitting was phenomenal tonight,' Ohlinger said. "I haven't seen us pass and hit that well and I loved being able to set balls for our hitters and watch them put it away. We knew Sycamore was going to bring it during the second set, but we had to keep firing back at them. We had a really nice second set and I



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hubs celebrate a hard-fought win over the Sycamore Spartans after the team's Volley for the Cure Night match Thursday evening.

thought that really brought our momentum back."

Rochelle trailed for most of the third set before a kill from Friestad gave the Lady Hubs a 14-13 lead and their first advantage of the set. A trio of strong kill shots from sophomore outside hitter Taelynn Rodeghero, who finished with 12 kills on Thursday, kept Rochelle ahead 20-18 and led Sycamore to use another timeout. The Spartans leaned on outside hitter Laci Neece late in the match, assisting her on crucial kill shots to continue evening the score as the set continued.

Despite several backand-forth swings, however, Rochelle held on for the team's fifth three-set win of the season. Seniors Macy Ramos and Payton Hale each recorded 15 digs to anchor the Lady Hub defense in the win, while senior Isela Vasquez totaled 13 digs and sophomore Dempsey Atkinson added 10 digs. Junior middle hitter

Kennedy Adamski notched a team-high five blocks for the Lady Hubs.

"It's an amazing win and I hope we can continue to play the way we did tonight,"Ohlingersaid."Ifwe play the way we did tonight at the regional tournament. I don't think anyone can stop us."

**NIU Football** 

## Cardinals earn double-overtime win over Huskies

#### Waylee rushes for 230 yards and three touchdowns as NIU suffers 44-38 loss and included touchdown

MUNCIE, Ind. -Northern Illinois University running back Harrison Waylee ran for 230 yards and three touchdowns, but it was not enough to hold off Ball State's second half rally as the Cardinals defeated NIU in double overtime, 44-38, Saturday at Scheumann Stadium in Muncie, Indiana.

In the second overtime, Ball State's Carson Steele scored on a one yard run to give the Cardinals a 44-38 lead, their first of the game. The two-point attempt was no good. After NIU quarterback Ethan Hampton was sacked for an 11-yard loss on third down on the Huskies' possession, his fourth down pass fell incomplete, and the Cardinals regained the Bronze Stalk Trophy.

"The difference was our inability to make the play in critical situations," said NIU head coach Thomas Hammock. "We have to

get better and find a way to make the plays, and we didn't get that done. Defensively, we have to get off the field on third downs. We have to continue to work on that. We were able to run the football today, but we have to play a complete team game - offense, defense and special teams. It all has to go hand in hand."

The Huskies fell to 1-4 on the 2022 season and are 0-1 in Mid-American Conference play. Ball State improved to 2-3 overall, 1-1 in the MAC. NIU's overtime loss broke the Huskies' four-game winning streak in overtime games, dating back to a triple overtime loss to Central Michigan on October 15, 2016.

Waylee's career high 230 rushing yards on 30 carries were the most by a Huskie running back since quarterback Jordan Lynch's 321-yard performance versus Western Michigan on Nov. 26, 2013,

runs of 52 and 68 yards. The 68-yard run with

6:43 to play gave NIU its second 10-point lead of the second half, 38-28. Waylee's run came on third and three from the NIU 32 after the Cardinals had narrowed the Huskies' lead to three points, 31-28, on a 17-yard hook-up between John Paddock and Tanner Koziol with 8:09 on the clock.

Following Waylee's

touchdown, Ball State scored 10 points in the final four minutes of regulation on a 35-yard field goal by Ben VonGunten with 3:59 to play and a six-yard pass from quarterback John Paddock to Tanner Koziol with 36 seconds remaining that capped a 10-play, 72-yard drive. In between the Ball State drives, the Cardinals forced a Huskie punt.

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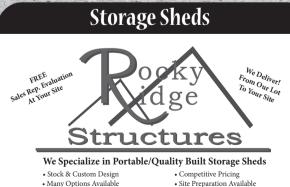
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## **SPORTS**





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The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team hosted Dixon and Princeton to close out the regular season this past week. At left, senior Francesca Williams hits a backhand shot at the No. 1 doubles court. At right, senior Maleah Pointer goes to her forehand stroke at the No. 3 doubles court.

## Lady Hubs shut out Princeton on Thursday

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The win allowed Rochelle (4-10, 0-5 Interstate 8) to avoid the shutout on Tuesday, with Dixon sweeping both singles matches and taking two doubles points to beat the Lady Hubs 4-1.

Junior Elin Zheng took five games in a 4-6, 1-6 loss

against Addison Arjes at the No. 1 singles court. Senior Abby Tarvestad nearly rallied for a three-set victory against Leah Stees at the No. 2 singles court, winning the second set handily before falling just short in a 2-6, 6-1, 3-10 loss.

Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle played a pair of tight sets in their 4-6, 4-6 loss to Olivia Gingras and Ashlyn Schwarz at the No. 3 doubles court. Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams fell 0-6, 1-6 to Leah Kuehl and Grace Ferguson at the No. 1 doubles court.

#### Princeton

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team played its final match of the regular season on Thursday, shutting out Princeton 5-0 in nonconference play. The Lady Hubs (5-10, 0-5 Interstate 8) will compete at the Interstate 8 Conference Championship tournament this weekend.

Junior Elin Zheng cruised over Kailee Winner 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 1 singles court, while senior Abby Tarvestad held off Emilee Merkel for a 6-3, 6-3 win at the No. 2 singles court. Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle had no trouble at the No. 3 doubles court, sweeping Abby Ward and Erah Goodale 6-0, 6-0.

Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams

finished strong at the No. 1 doubles court, defeating Sadie Thornton and Nora Schneider 6-2, 6-1. Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley sealed Rochelle's doubles sweep on Thursday, playing a dominant second set to beat Katie Kammerer and Kambrie Fisher 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 2 doubles court.



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#### **Rochelle Junior Tackle**

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#### Cowboys defeat Bears for Rochelle Flag Football NFL League Championship

The 2022 Rochelle Flag Football season concluded at Helms Park on Wednesday evening, with the third and fourth-graders battling it out for the NFL League title. The Cowboys (above) faced off against the Bears (below) for the title, with the Cowboys emerging victorious on a last-minute touchdown to claim this season's championship.

The Cowboys include Ronnie Belmonte,
Devin Hansen, Jackson Olszewski, Paul Olszewski,
Braxton Ellison, Jonathan Lilly, Colton White,
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The team is coached by Ronnie Belmonte and
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Jackson Noble, Silas Alsop and Misha Krawcewicz.
The team is coached by Paul Chadwick and
Mike Chadwick.

## **HUSKIES:** NIU moves to 1-4 after loss at Ball State

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NIU drove from its 25 to its 48-yard line in the final 36 seconds before a pair of incompletions stalled the drive and the game went to overtime.

In the first overtime, NIU's drove to the Ball State six-yard line where kicker John Richardson's 24-yard attempt was no good. The Huskie defense then held BSU to minus one yard on three plays and VonGunten's field goal attempt was wide right. NIU finished with a season-high 526 yards of total offense, including 332 rushing yards on 57 carries. In addition to Waylee, who averaged 7.7 yards per carry, quarterback Justin Lynch ran 15 times for 89 yards. Hampton finished 17-of-29 passing for 194 yards passing with two touchdowns and an interception.

NIU led 21-0 and took a 24-7 halftime lead after John Richardson' 28-yard field goal with 49 seconds left in the half closed out a nine-play, 65-yard drive. Ball State cut the lead to 10 early in the third quarter after Hampton pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted by BSU's Jaquan Amos, who returned it 31 yards to the NIU four-yard line. Steele scored on a two-yard run four plays later.

The Huskies responded with an eight-play, 75-yard drive with Waylee scoring on a one-yard run to extend NIU's lead back to 17,31-14 at 8:38 of the third quarter. Hampton hit Cole Tucker, who finished the game with eight receptions for 87 yards, twice on the drive, for

16 and 22 yards.

The teams traded punts before Ball State again cut the lead to 10 on a three-yard run by Steele, who finished

the game with three touch-downs and 77 yards on 24 carries. His run finished an eight-play, 52-yard drive and set up the fourth quarter comeback.

Paddock completed 40of-58 passes for 403 yards and three touchdowns for the Cardinals, while Jayshon Jackson caught 10 passes for 116 yards.

On its first possession of the game, NIU drove 81 yards in 15 plays to take a

7-0 lead at the 5:19 mark. On third and five from the BSU13-yard line, Hampton flipped the ball forward to Trey Urwiler, who then lateraled to Kacper Rutkiewiczand the speedy receiver found the pylon for a 15-yard touchdown, his fourth of the season. The Huskies had two chances to extend the lead off of turnovers. First, C.J. Brown picked off Ball State quarterback John Paddock at the Ball

State 45 and returned it 29 yards to the 16. A pair of Waylee rushes and a short pass netted just five yards and Richardson's 29-yard field goal was off the mark.

A Devonte O'Malley

A Devonte O'Malley sack on third and seven ended Ball State's next possession as they were forced to punt and NIU got the ball back on its 39-yard line. On the first play of the second quarter, Waylee broke through the line and went

52 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 Huskie lead. When Ball State let Richardson's short kickoff bounce, the Huskies recovered but quickly turned the ball back over to BSU when Hampton was sacked and fumbled.

After VonGunten missed a 37-yard field goal, NIU took a 21-0 lead when Hampton found Rutkiewicz in the back of the end zone from 31-yard out with 4:49 left in the second quarter.



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