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## Enrollment numbers on the rise ‘We were happy to see that increase this year’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — At Tuesday’s monthly meeting of the Rochelle Elementary School District Board of Education, Superintendent Jason Harper said that enrollment numbers are up across the district.

From kindergarten to eighth grade, the district has seen an increase of 50 students total. Declining enrollment has been an ongoing concern for the district in recent years, and it was partly the cause for the recent closure of May School and the shift to an attendance center model. As of this month, there are 1,417 students across the district. Last September, the number was 1,367.

“We were happy to see that increase this year,” Harper said. “Our incoming kindergarten and first grade classes are larger than some of the running averages that we’ve had. As I’ve said publicly and privately, having more students with us obviously presents a challenge with just numbers, but we like to see our enrollments steady or rising. That’s where we’re at this year.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle presented the district’s improvement plan for the year to the board during its monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

Board President Dave Casey and Board Members Javier Zepeda and Steve Builtta were absent from the meeting. Board Member Trisha Vaughn served as board president for the meeting.

### School improvement

District Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle presented the district’s improvement plan for the year to the board during

the meeting. Instructional practices improvement will be the priority for the district for the next year.

“Even before COVID-19 times, we wanted to hone in and settle down,” Doyle said. “A lot of new things have been coming at these teachers and students for several years. We picked this year coming out of COVID-19 to take the initiative to do that. Our goal is simply stated: We want to improve on our existing instructional practices.”

The goal’s progress will be measured through student, teacher and community feedback along with student data. Among the changes this year is a new teacher mentoring program, which includes more intensive orientation for new teachers. Literacy essentials is also a priority and the district plans to have a presentation on reading at an upcoming school improvement day.

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## Gaming fee increases voted down

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**HILLCREST** — At Wednesday’s monthly meeting of the Hillcrest Village Board, trustees voted 4-3 against a gaming fee increase for businesses in the village.

The only business in the village with gaming machines is Fat Cat Slots. The ordinance resolution in question would have increased the fee the village gets per machine on an annual basis. The fee will stay at \$25 per machine. The 2023 annual fee would have been \$150 per gaming machine. In 2024 it would have been \$200 per machine and in 2025 and the years after that it would have been \$250 per machine.

A recent change to state law allowed municipalities like the Village of Hillcrest to increase gaming fees per machine to \$250.

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### Kiwanis Golden K receives donation

The Kiwanis Golden K received its Peanut Day donation and inducted a new member during its recent meeting. **Page 5**

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## No injuries after Creston garage fire

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — There were no injuries due to a fire in a garage in Creston on Wednesday afternoon, Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville said.

Rochelle Fire along with Creston Fire and Steward Fire of the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District responded to the 4:11 p.m. call at 110 N. Center St. Sawlsville said the homeowner was doing some welding in the garage around 2 p.m. and later noticed smoke coming from the overhead door of the garage when he was mowing his lawn afterwards.

“One of his welding sparks must’ve gotten a hold of something flammable,” Sawlsville said. “The garage is finished on the inside, but a spark must’ve gotten behind the wall. The homeowner hit it with a hose before we got there and took care of the flame outside the wall. When we got there we checked inside the wall and put it completely out. It didn’t make it to the attic, which we were worried about.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

There were no injuries due to a fire in a garage in Creston on Wednesday afternoon, Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville said.

Sawlsville said the homeowner is probably looking at \$1,200 in damage. Firefighters were on scene for a period

ranging from 45 minutes to an hour.

The fire smoldered between the time of the welding and the smoke

and the call to firefighters, Sawlsville said.

“It was good that he was home and put a hose to it himself,” Sawlsville

said. “Welding sparks can be a problem. It was a good outcome and the situation had the potential to be much worse.”

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# LOCAL NEWS



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On Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Rochelle Municipal Airport, the Rochelle Area Community Foundation hosted the first annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles fundraiser event. The RACF and presenting sponsors Zekelman Industries and the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities put on the event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Planes, Trains & Automobiles held Saturday

‘The amount of people that have come out in support... is truly amazing’

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MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — On Saturday at the Rochelle Municipal Airport, the Rochelle Area Community Foundation hosted the first annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles fundraiser event. The RACF and presenting sponsors Zekelman Industries and the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities put on the event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the proceeds of which will support the RACF and its nonprofit mission as it looks forward to strengthening its community impact. Along with unique aircraft and train exhibits, the event featured cars from each decade going back an entire century including vehicles from The Hamilton Collection, which exhibited several hyper cars from its \$30 million collection. The event also included an online-only silent auction and food vendors. “Today has by far ex-

ceeded our expectations,” RACF Executive Director Emily Anaya said. “The amount of people that have come out in support of this event is truly amazing. We’ve had people come all the way from California. We have local people here and people from surrounding areas. It’s been a great turnout. I think it’s been very family-oriented and has brought out a diverse group. It’s fun for all.” Anaya thanked Zekelman Industries for its generosity as a sponsor and said the event could not have gone on without the support of the city and the airport. RACF board members stepped up in preparation for and during the event. Dave Tess helped to secure vehicles from each decade and Jacob Becker had a connection to the Hamilton Collection. The Hamilton Collection put on a show on the airport’s runway and attendees were able to get up close and personal with

the cars afterwards. Anaya said she plans to make Planes, Trains & Automobiles an annual event, and different areas of interest could be featured each year. “We’d love to feature the military, motorcycles or semi-trucks,” Anaya said. “The sky’s the limit. I think our board is eager and willing and passionate about bringing new things to the community to help it grow. We’re always bringing money and putting it back into the community through the foundation. That’s what we’re here for and that’s what we’re all about. Supporting our nonprofits. We’ll do that however we can.” One hundred percent of RACF’s funds stay local in Rochelle. The goal for Saturday’s event was to raise \$10,000 when all was said and done. The money will allow for RACF to continue and improve on its ability to raise funds within the community to support its



nonprofit partners.

“We’re going to add what we make to our \$860,000 that we’ve put back into the community over the last 17 years,” Anaya said. “We’re just going to keep going. I can’t wait to hit \$1 million.” Anaya said she felt grateful on Saturday while seeing the community come together to enjoy the event and day. “My heart is so full and I’m humbled by the generosity of people,” Anaya said. “People did purchase a

ticket to come in here today, but they’re also making donations. Because they know it’s going to the community foundation and what RACF does for our area. My board members have all come together and they’re working so hard today. They want to make sure everyone here has a great experience and that nobody is wanting for anything. It just shows that the community comes out to support things and the people that are working here are going to give 150 percent.”

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation recently congratulated the winners from its Planes, Trains & Automobiles event. The Carmichael Cup was awarded to Ronnie Jones for his 1957 Chevrolet Custom Car. The Presenter’s Choice went to Corey Ranken for his 1970 Chevelle SS. The Director’s Choice went to the Ryan PT-22 Airplane. RACF thanked all of the plane and car owners and the community for the event’s “incredible” turnout.



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## BOARD: Hillcrest trustees discuss UTVs at Wednesday meeting

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The owners of Fat Cat Slots attended July's meeting and spoke against the proposed increase before it was tabled for a month.

Voting against the increase Wednesday were Trustees Tim Ball, Jose Huerta, Pamela Pittman and Village President Randy Salisbury, who broke the tie. Voting in favor of the increase were Trustees Renee Kerwin, Dan Potter and Rick Rhoads.

"A successful business has come into Hillcrest," Ball said. "The government of our state says we can inflict an unnecessary financial burden on them for unnecessary reasons. And we should vote that down. This is something we don't have to do."

The Rochelle City Council recently approved a gradual increase to gaming fees that will eventually

reach \$250. The Creston Village Board may do the same in the future, as it has a boundary agreement with Rochelle to stay in-step with certain policies.

Rhoads remarked during the meeting that fees in some areas should be raised to keep up with inflation to various village expenses.

"We have expenses in this village," Rhoads said. "We have bills that need to be paid. It's not every time they turn the machines on. This is a one-time fee each year."

### UTVs

A resident spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and inquired whether the board intends to take action on an ordinance involving UTVs (non-highway vehicles) that it postponed in April.

Salisbury said the vil-

lage considered requiring and charging for a registration sticker for the vehicles and allowing them on village streets. The board decided against it months ago and it's still currently illegal to drive UTVs on Hillcrest streets, he said.

The board had discussion regarding UTVs on Wednesday and said it will put it back on next month's agenda and instructed Village Attorney Paul Chadwick to look at what the village has proposed in the past and what Rochelle's ordinance is.

"They're driving on the roads anyways," Rhoads said. "They're doing it illegally, but who is going to write them a ticket? We have no police department. If we could charge them money for a registration sticker, we could use that money to help pay for a part-time policeman. It costs money

to run a village."

### Water meters

The board voted 5-1 to increase the availability rate for everyone in Hillcrest with a water meter from \$5 to \$10 with Ball voting against it.

The increase is in conjunction with an IEPA loan the village is securing to pay for water work in Hillcrest. The proceeds from the increase are one of the funding sources necessary for qualifying for the loan. Chadwick said the village must show proof that it took action to increase the fee to get the loan.

"We're going to impose a 100-percent increase on this portion of people's water bills?" Ball said. "It's ridiculous."

### Tax levy

The board unanimously approved its tax levy for fiscal year 2022.

### Garbage

Salisbury and Ball both remarked during the meeting that the village's new garbage cans from Northern Illinois Disposal have been successful in decreasing loose trash around the village.

Due to a new seven-year agreement with NID, residents now have a 95-gallon cart for weekly trash service and a 65-gallon cart for bi-weekly recycling service. Each home is allowed one bulk item per week.

"This new garbage can thing is nice," Salisbury said. "You can drive around the streets on Thursday mornings in the village and they look very nice. That was a great improvement to the village."

### Policing

Ball asked that the board discuss the possibility of hiring its own part-time

police officer in the future to enforce ordinances. Salisbury said the village has had a few of its own officers in the past and asked Ball to do more research on the idea and said it would be put on next month's agenda for discussion.

### Maintenance

Salisbury said the village is currently hiring for a maintenance employee and asked trustees to spread the word. It has looked at outsourcing some of the work like mowing, but is "pretty heavily-invested on machinery and equipment" to go that route, he said.

"We'll do some research and see what we can come up with," Salisbury said. "We have someone helping us now for the short-term. We're looking for someone new. There's an online application for the position on the village website."

## SCHOOL: Board holds hearing for 2023 fiscal year budget

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Student growth will be a priority as well, including improving standards-based grading and evidence collection for curriculum. The district now uses standards-based grading from kindergarten to seventh grade.

"This is seventh grade's first year with that," Doyle said. "We're almost all the way up. It's taken several years and a lot of hard work. That's just the end product. The actual mark that students get is not everything that standards-based grading is about. There's feedback to it and teaching teachers how to collect

data. I believe it's been paying off, especially in the feedback category and explaining the why."

Doyle said the district also has target areas in its curriculum that it wants to address and it's working to implement Friday meeting days for teachers to work on student data and collaboration. Those meetings will start in October.

### Budget

The board held a public hearing for and unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023 budget.

During the budget hearing, District Business Manager Kevin Dale went over estimated revenues

and expenditures for each fund. Across all funds, the estimate is a total surplus of \$17,959 in the current budget.

"That's the estimated look at the budget based on the numbers we currently have," Dale said. "If things change or the state gives us money or we get a percentage of what they said they were going to do like they've done in years past, that will adjust accordingly. This is our best estimate right now."

### New teachers

Administrators from each school in the district introduced each of their new teachers for this year. Lincoln School has three new

teachers, Central School has five, Tilton School has two and Rochelle Middle School has four.

Harper said the district recently overhauled its new teacher orientation program and it's now expanded to a multiple-day format to get teachers more accustomed to working in its schools.

### Employment

The board unanimously approved the certificated employment of Tracy Alford (reading specialist, Lincoln School), Holly Schatz (fourth grade teacher, Tilton School) and Katie Sullivan (long-term substitute teacher, Central

School) along with the support staff employment of Andrea Oleson (para-professional, Tilton), Julie Richolson (para-professional, Tilton) and Alva Valle (HUB Program, Lincoln) and the extracurricular resignation of Seth Richolson (assistant wrestling coach, RMS) and employment of Anthony Grek (head wrestling coach).

### Executive session

After meeting in executive session, the board approved issuing a notice of remedial warning to a district tenured teacher with modifications to directives

one through three.

### Breakfast

Harper said that the Crawford Foundation, which supports education within the district, will be holding a pancake breakfast on Oct. 15 from 7 a.m. to noon at Lincoln School. All proceeds raised by the Crawford Foundation go directly back to the district to provide education for students.

The next Rochelle School District 231 Board of Education meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at Lincoln Elementary School.

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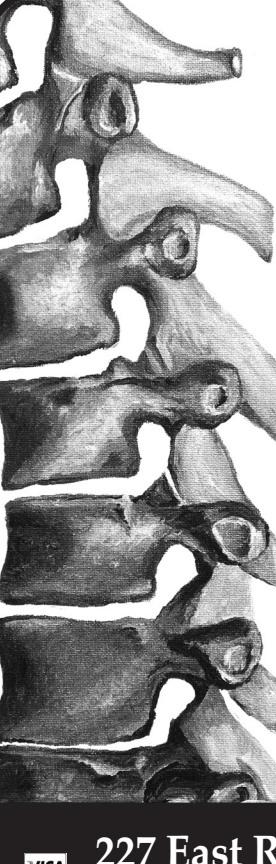
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

## Betty Lou Endthoff

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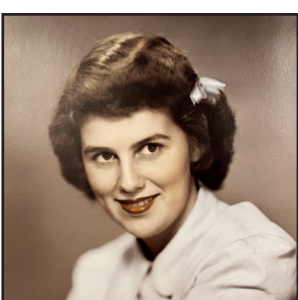
Betty was born Sept. 30, 1932 in Marseilles, Illinois, the daughter of Wilbert “Webb” and Alice Ann (Askeland) Hill. She graduated from Rochelle Township High School and married Gene Benton Endthoff on June 17, 1951 in Rochelle.

Betty is survived by her husband of 71 years, Gene of Galesburg; one son, Dan (Laura) Endthoff of Galesburg; one daughter, Susan Hite of Galesburg; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Betty is also survived by two brothers, Jim (Joyce)

Hill of Wauconda, Illinois and Ron (Betty) Hill of Toledo, Ohio. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Thomas Gene Endthoff in 1958 and Robb Gene Endthoff on Dec. 20, 2017.

Betty worked for several years at Kishwaukee College and later Duplex both in DeKalb. Betty enjoyed gardening and shopping and was an avid reader. Taking care of her family and friends brought Betty the most joy. No matter the circumstances, Betty always had a smile, never complained, maintained her positive attitude, and was always happy. She will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday,



Sept. 16 followed by an 11 a.m. service at Watson Thomas Funeral Home and Crematory, Galesburg. Pastor Vince Rohn will officiate. Private family graveside services will be at Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choosing.

Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.watsonthomas.com](http://www.watsonthomas.com).

## Marvin Wesley Sweger

**CLINTON, Wis.** — Marvin Wesley Sweger, 84, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 14 in Clinton, Wisconsin. Marvin was born on July 15, 1938, the son of John and Beauna (Weaver) Sweger in Jenks, Oklahoma. On Sept. 7, 1958, he married Gayle A. Sonderegger in Chowchilla, California. He worked for Del Monte in Rochelle until his retirement in 2000.

Marvin enjoyed gardening, camping, traveling, spending time with his family and attending his church, Full Gospel Fellowship in Flagg Center. He thoroughly enjoyed his weekly adventures to the Chana Auction Barn, looking for those great deals. Marvin always looked forward to when the tomatoes were ripe in the garden and the sweet corn was ready to eat.

He was a former member of the Rochelle Moose Club and he and Gayle

had a great time being part of the Square Dancing Club in Rochelle.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 64 years, Gayle Sweger of Elkhorn, Wisconsin; four children: Marvin (Pam) Sweger, Jr. of Byron, Diane (Steve) Woody of Carthage, Mississippi, Sondra (Ken Felten) Koske of Walworth, Wisconsin and Christine (Shelly) Korrow of Lake Isabella, California; two brothers: Melvin Sweger of Fresno, California and Leonard Sweger of Merced, California; sister, Beatrice Louthron of Phoenix, Arizona; seven grandchildren: Elizabeth, Nicholas, Wesley John, Josh, Gary Allen, Shawn, Zack; eight great grandchildren: Alyssa, Abigail, Cordell, Emma, Peyton, Emma Jo, Lillyanna and Lincoln and three great great grandchildren: Catherine, Tilly and Wilder.

In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by his



brother, Doyle and five sisters: Carliss Boyette, Katherine Kues, Ruby Lewis, Arlene Kiethley and Carol Large.

Marvin will be missed by his entire family, but we take comfort in knowing he is in Jesus’s care.

The visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the funeral home with Pastor Lowell Woolbright officiating. The burial will follow the service at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle.

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## Jimmy D. Woolbright Jr.

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** — Jimmy D. Woolbright, Jr., 56, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, formerly of Rochelle, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 15. Jimmy was born May 29, 1966 in Rochelle to Jimmy and Margarette (Arnold)

Woolbright. He married Lori Kalaher on Nov. 3, 1990.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Lori; daughter, Alyson; his father, Jimmy, Sr., (Kathy); his furry friends, Aspen and Itty Bitty; and many relatives. Jimmy was a loving

husband, father and son.

He was predeceased by his mother and stepfather, Margarette and Harold Kissack.

You may send memorials and condolences to Lori Woolbright, 915 Brentmore Drive, Apt 1318, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

## Ellis joins RTHS staff

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Mr. Cory Ellis has joined the Rochelle Township High School staff as choral music director. He will also teach Intro to Piano, AP Music and oversee the Midnight Voices Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Ellis is an RTHS alumnus, having also graduated from Northern and Western Illinois Universities. He comes to RTHS from Jacksonville High School.

“The first time I stepped on the podium to teach a room full of musicians while I was in college, it clicked,” Ellis said. “I felt comfort-

able, fluent and excited. From that point on, I approached the profession with a level of confidence that I’ve not felt in almost any other aspect of my life. That classroom and those students in that brief moment still sticks out to me to this day.”

Ellis said he doesn’t just teach music, he loves music. In all of its forms. And he wants others to love it too and values every person’s music tastes. At least once a day, Ellis will stop what he’s doing to explain a music theory concept, detail the history of an instrument or touch on some other part of music’s past or present.

“The wisdom I wish



Cory Ellis

to impart to students is to let go of the ordinary, stop caring so much about what people think and embrace the weird,” Ellis said. “Life becomes so much more fun when you finally get to be yourself!”

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## Officers issue citations

**ROCHELLE** — On Sept. 14 at 7:36 a.m. Serafin H. Cisnero, 64, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. She signed a promise to comply and was given an Oct. 21 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 14 at 5:39 p.m. Kyler L. Lara, 20, of Rochelle was cited for

failure to reduce speed. He was released on an I-Bond and was given an Oct. 21 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 14 at 7:32 p.m. Jaime Apodaca-Hernandez, 43, of DeKalb was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to yield/stop at an intersection. He signed a

### Ogle County Sheriff's Department

## Deputies conduct traffic stops

**OREGON** — On Sept. 14 at approximately 12:05 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Illinois Route 72 and Mt. Morris Road. After investigation, deputies placed Ronnie Sansone Jr., 34, of Rockford, under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Sansone was additionally issued citations for speeding

and operating an uninsured vehicle. Sansone was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 14 at 8:26 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Big Mound Road and North Meridian Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Sindy Lopez-Canizales of Davis Junction, for driving without a valid license. Lopez-Canizales was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date. Lopez-Canizales was also issued a citation for improper lane usage.

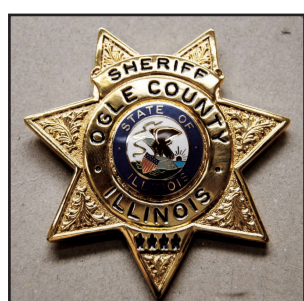
On Sept. 14 at approximately 8:14 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of East Big Mound Road and North Blackwood Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested David A. Miller, 47, of Lindenwood, for driving while license revoked. Miller was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

On Sept. 15 at approximately 2:43 p.m. deputies

promised to comply and was given an Oct. 21 Rochelle court date.

On Sept. 15 at 5:52 p.m. Jeremiah S. Levy, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and unlawful use of a weapon and transferred.

All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



initiated a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2 for expired registration. Upon further investigation deputies arrested Emilia Davila, 32, of Melrose Park, for driving while license suspended. Deputies also arrested Alexander Johnson, 34, of Aurora, for an outstanding Rockford Police warrant for assault. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and Davila was released on an individual bond with a future court date given.

On Sept. 15 at 9:57 p.m. following a traffic stop at the Interstate 88/Interstate I39 interchange, deputies arrested Esteban Garcia, 26, of Chicago for driving while his license was suspended. Garcia was released on scene and will appear in court at a later date.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Kiwanis Golden K receives donation and inducts new member

Last week was busy for the Kiwanis Golden K. Its Little Miss Peanut received the first donation from Mayor John Bearrows for Peanut Days. The club thanked everyone who donated. On Thursday, a new member, Jim Kenney, was inducted into the club. Pictured: Denny Swinton, Don Horner, Kenney and President Rick Taylor.

# Transportation committee meeting scheduled Sept. 23

**MENDOTA** — The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee Meeting (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle,

Lee, Ogle and Putnam Counties) will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. at Mendota Moose Lodge, 211 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Mendota. Individuals with an interest in public transportation

are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation. If you would like further information, please con-

tact: [hstp@ncicg.org](mailto:hstp@ncicg.org) or call 815-433-5830. If anyone in the public would like to attend the meeting remotely for public comment, we will make this available to the public

via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/MeetingID:89185257486> Passcode: 580399 or Call in at 312-626-6799 using the same meeting ID. HSTP identifies transportation needs and devel-

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## Being a news junkie

I have always been a bit of a news junkie. While I won't say I was glued to the TV for the nightly national news broadcast as a teen, I was always aware of what was going on in the world. As I got older, of course, I was much more likely to watch and absorb the news — local and national. I remember the stern news anchors who delivered the news with a straight face and even slight disinterest. I remember seeing CNN for the first time in the 1980s — it started in 1980 — and thinking there was no way a 24-hour news channel could be a money maker. It was incredibly repetitive. How would they fill all those hours?

CNN seemed to struggle with that, honestly. But then came the Gulf War in 1991. CNN had people on the ground in Baghdad, Iraq, when the bombs started dropping.

I will say, it was riveting television and journalism.

I remember especially liking the work being done by Bernard Shaw, who was in a hotel in Baghdad with colleagues while the skies lit up.

Their reporting really made CNN, and Shaw solidified his place in the pantheon of TV news people.

Sadly, Shaw died recently at the age of 82. He was one of the generation of TV news people who was actually more interested in reporting news and less interested in being a personality.

Shaw died on Sept. 7. That was the same day another reporter I greatly admired died as well. That reporter was Anne Garrels, a longtime foreign correspondent for NPR.

When I am driving, NPR is my go-to news source. They cover every topic well, from breaking news to the economy to technology. But NPR really excels at covering international news. In a day when TV networks and 24-hour "news" channels have cut way back on cov-

ering foreign news, NPR has remained focused on the rest of the world, and I am thankful for that.

If you listened to NPR, you knew Garrels. She was in the thick of everything, all the time. If there was a war, Garrels was there. She was clearly not dumb, but she did seem to be pretty fearless. Her reporting was simply fantastic.

One story after her death said that Garrels was the kind of reporter who would drive alone across a war zone if that is what it took to get the story. That is a real journalist.

Sadly, that is sorely lacking in today's TV news scape. As I have written many times before, 24-hour cable news is not really about news anymore. It is about personalities pushing agendas that fit the beliefs of their bosses. Fox News is notorious for this. CNN, once a fine news organization, has fallen into the same trap.

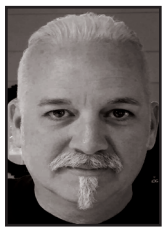
Cable news these days, sadly, is all about shoveling "news" that clearly has a point of view. These current talking heads are an embarrassment and not journalists at all.

It is not much better at the local level. I have known many local TV news folks over the years, and they are more focused on getting face time on screen than the actual story.

Also, my beloved local newspapers are dying as well. Print is a dinosaur and so am I, apparently. Our country is worse off without strong journalism. But people don't really want the truth these days. They just want to hear something that supports their beliefs.

But Shaw and Garrels were true journalists who did great work and were important to this country. I am thankful to have enjoyed their work and wish there were more like them on the national stage.

*Brad Jennings is the editor of the Ogle County Life.*



Brad Jennings

## The silencing of newsroom voices

A former colleague of mine was stabbed to death in his yard this month, apparently for writing something someone didn't like.

His name was Jeff German and he was a crack-jack reporter who spent a career covering crime and corruption in Las Vegas. We worked together at the Las Vegas Sun some 23 years ago.

I won't lie to you and tell you we were close. Jeff was one of an assortment of newsroom characters I've worked with over the years.

He believed he deserved a private office in the shabby building where we worked. So, he erected makeshift walls around his desk, which was topped with piles of books, documents, notebooks and other journalistic debris.

I never heard him say a bad word about anyone — except for the reporter with the same beat at the other newspaper in town. To hear Jeff tell it, that fellow was Satan incarnate, the purveyor of numerous journalistic transgressions — and not to be trusted.

That just shows you how much things have changed in the news business. Newsrooms are leaner now. And the struggle isn't so much to beat the competition but to write the best story that one can with the resources at hand.

We're competing against ourselves.

German's reporting was phenomenal. When I worked with him, his adept reporting essentially solved the murder of casino boss Ted Binion. Looking back, I'm amazed at what he was able to accomplish. Law enforcement essentially followed his lead on one of the highest profile murders in the state's history.

Recently, a county official blamed German for an election loss. He had written an exposé about the official and malfeasance in his office. An informed and angry electorate went to the polls and tossed him out of office.

The official, Robert Telles, has been charged with murder.

Authorities said his DNA matched specimens found at the scene of the crime. A GMC Denali registered to Telles's wife and parked at his home was picked up on surveillance video near German's home before and after his killing. A straw hat allegedly used by Telles to disguise himself was found during a search of his home and car.

German was 69 when he died. He was part of that vanishing breed of characters who used to populate newsrooms.

Just about every news-

room I've worked in has had such folks. To them journalism wasn't a vocation — it was a calling. No one ever entered the profession for the prestige or the money. There is little of either.

But newsrooms were a happy habitat for those who marched to a different drummer.

I think of a Texas county government reporter I worked with who drilled a hole in the floor of his van and attached a hose and funnel so he wouldn't have to stop for bathroom breaks between assignments.

Or there was the Texas photographer who, while on assignment at the mall, stood on a park bench and spoke in tongues. (He remains the most gifted shooter I've ever known.)

Or in Nevada there was the reporter who married

a woman who was always threatening suicide — when he was on deadline. She would have a gun to her head threatening to shoot, while he would be trying to talk her down on the phone while simultaneously pounding out a city council story on deadline.

I've never met a journalist who handled deadline pressures better.

All of these people are long gone from newspa-

pers. And some have left this life. But each was a gifted newspaper person who I'm proud to have called a friend.

Newspaper work is hard. The hours are long and irregular. Your mistakes are public. And the criticism is constant. But the reward is making a difference.

Las Vegas is a better community for the decades. Jeff German kept an eye on corrupt politicians and underworld figures.

Was he quirky? Yes. Tenacious? Certainly. Courageous? Absolutely.

Communities across this nation are the better because of people like German.

When one thinks of German or the five Annapolis, Md., journalists killed in their newsroom in 2018 the loss is obvious and profound. Their lives were sacrificed because someone didn't like what they wrote.

We mourn not just the loss of their lives but the silencing of their voices.

Other newsroom voices are silenced not with a bullet or a knife but with an accountant's pen.

Regardless, the question remains the same: When a watchdog's voice dies, who will hold those in power accountable?

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# COMMUNITY

## Johnsons celebrating 70th anniversary

**ROCHELLE** — The children of Carl and Earlene Johnson are requesting a card shower in honor of their parents.

Carl and Earlene, long-term residents of Rochelle, will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept. 20.

They were married at the parsonage of the First Baptist of Rochelle on Sept. 20, 1952 by the late Rev. David Martin.

Carl and Earlene have four children: Peggy (Craig) Mandel of Phoenix, Arizona, the late Brenda (Phil) Banton of Rochelle, Carla (Rick) Meador of San Tan Valley, Arizona and Dan (Penny) Johnson of Largo, Florida.

The couple are loved by 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Cards of congratulations will reach them at 357 Cleveland Ave. Rochelle, IL 61068



- Aug. 23 - Tom Hill, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 24 - Jane Schell, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 25 - Lucinda Zoeller, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 26 - Stephanie A. Guerrero, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 27 - Edward Jones, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 28 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
- Aug. 29 - Caroline Kessen, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 30 - Scott A. Stevens, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 31 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 1 - Hub City Senior Center, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 2 - Jessica Macklin, Winnebago, \$25
- Sept. 3 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25
- Sept. 4 - Daniel Ortiz, Rochelle, \$50
- Sept. 5 - Ben Heck, Chana, \$1,000
- Sept. 6 - Bridget Blaine, Dixon, \$25
- Sept. 7 - Aubrielle Lodico, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 8 - Carolyn Brown, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 9 - Bobby Clausen, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 10 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25
- Sept. 11 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50
- Sept. 12 - Rochelle Hospitality, \$25
- Sept. 13 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 14 - Kim Vock, Sterling, \$25
- Sept. 15 - Vivian Carlson, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 16 - Tina Vincent, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 17 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Sept. 18 - Miguel Astudillo, Davis Junction, \$50

## RCHA meeting scheduled for Sept. 27

**ROCHELLE** — The Annual Meeting of the Rochelle Community Hospital Association (RCHA) will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road in Rochelle.

The RCHA was adopted in 1965 to engage the community to support the hospital in meeting the health-care needs of the greater Rochelle area. Members of the association are required to pay a membership fee of \$25 per year or \$1,000 for a

lifetime membership. You must be a member of the association to attend the annual meeting.

As a member of the association you will have the right to participate, discuss and vote on matters of importance to the hospital

and its stakeholders.

If you are interested in attending the annual meeting or would like more information, please contact Kim Louis at 815-561-3107 or email klouis@rcha.net. Masking will be optional.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Sept. 18**  
Amie Eggenburg  
Terry & Teresa Dodillet  
(anniversary)  
**Sept. 19**  
Leland & Lucy Hazlip  
(anniversary)  
Madison Wooten

**Sept. 20**  
Jon & Carolyn Bieck  
(anniversary)  
**Sept. 22**  
Krew Sullivan  
**Sept. 23**  
John Worley  
Chris Doering

Jeff & Diana Dickey  
(anniversary)  
**Sept. 28**  
Ashley Burger  
**Sept. 29**  
Josh Walker  
Sarah Kulwicki  
Lyndsey OBrien

Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries



## Coffee Break

### MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL CITY

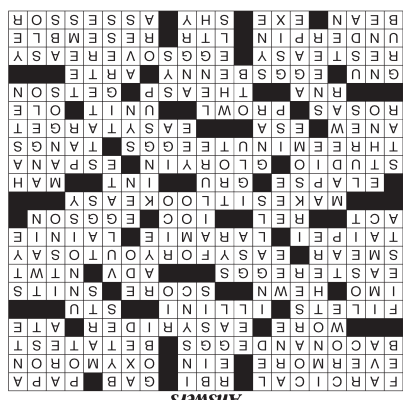
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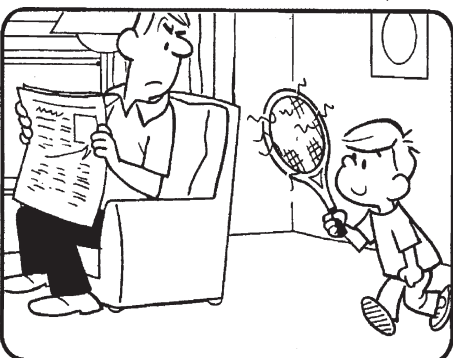


### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Paper is different. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Pillow is missing. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Handle is shorter. 6. Leg is moved.

## Super Crossword

### BREAKFAST STACKS

#### ACROSS

- 1 Like ludicrous comedies  
9 Ballpark stat  
12 Yak it up  
15 Dad  
19 For all time to come  
20 One, in Bonn  
21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.  
23 Classic morning combo  
25 Trial software phase  
26 Donned  
27 1969 film featuring two hippies  
29 Downed  
30 — mignons (beef tidbits)  
33 "Fighting" NCAA team  
34 Beatie buddy  
36 "If you ask me," in texts  
37 Rough- (unrefined)  
39 Group of 20  
42 Irritated states  
46 Things often dyed and hidden  
50 Word often ending in "ly": Abbr.  
52 Food carton abbr.

#### DOWN

- 84-Across  
93 Sitting duck  
95 Parks and Ponselle  
97 Patrol for prey  
101 Army division  
102 Jai alai cheer  
103 Genetic initials  
105 Henchman of Daddy Warbucks  
108 Goes aboard  
110 Large antelope  
113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally  
116 Funny Johnson  
117 Be worry-free  
119 Food that's literally represented five times in this puzzle  
124 Strengthen from below  
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126 Be similar to  
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129 Demure  
130 One doing property appraisal

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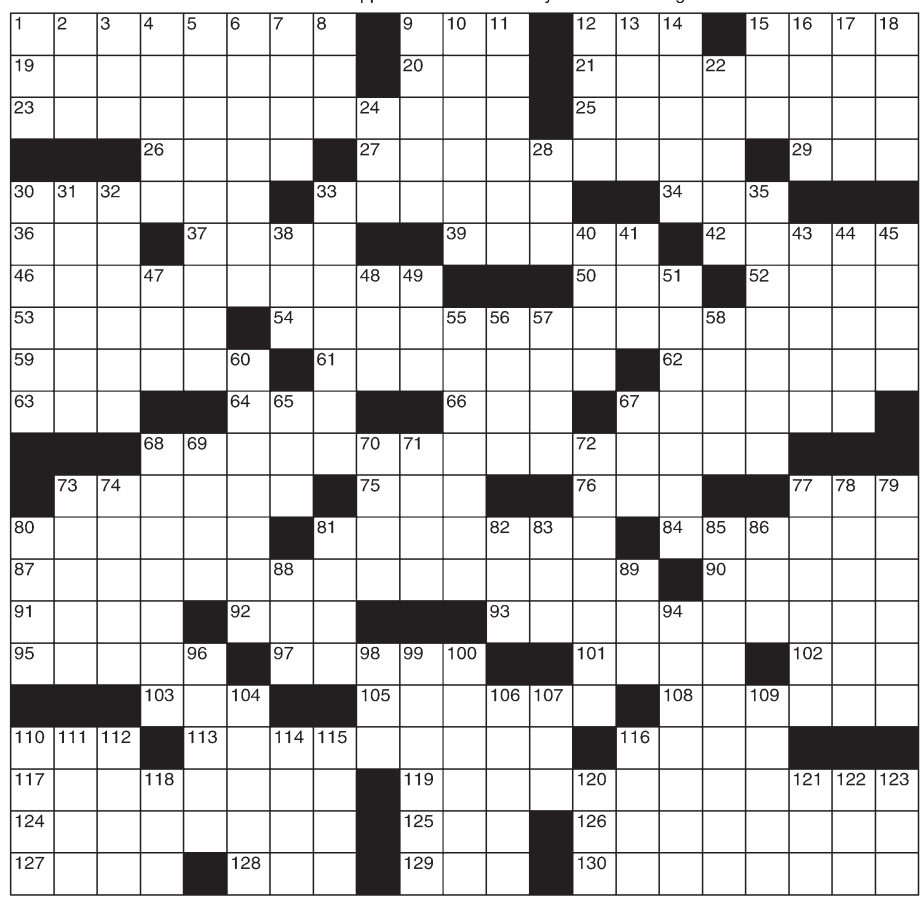
- 40 Funny Martha  
41 Old Tokyo  
43 "— big deal"  
44 Mark who created Huck Finn  
45 Eyelid woe  
47 Strike lightly  
48 Govt. office supplier  
49 Isr. neighbor  
51 Latin Bible  
55 Lack of success  
56 Melville novel  
57 Puerto —  
58 Gift add-ons  
60 Irritating  
65 Wide shoe spec  
67 Poetic dusk  
68 Began a big battle  
69 "... blackbirds baked in —"  
70 Ice house: Var.  
71 Brisk gait  
72 Good two-pair hand, in poker lingo  
73 Prefix with biology  
74 Tempts  
77 Chutney fruits  
78 San —, Texas  
79 Expedite  
80 Polaris, e.g.  
81 Growl like a dog

#### DOWN

- 1 Second mo.  
2 Actress  
3 Fun, for short  
4 Actor Russell  
5 Answering machine notification  
6 Less civilized  
7 Duncan of Obama's cabinet  
8 Steered  
9 Queenly  
10 Older female  
11 Working harmoniously  
12 Mongolian desert  
13 Fired  
14 Gig  
15 Poken take  
16 Locale  
17 Mile marker  
18 Poker stake  
22 Shops  
24 Moray, e.g.  
28 — Grande  
30 Baja party  
31 Greeting in Apple ads  
32 Go nuts  
33 "Little House on the Prairie" surname  
35 Quiet  
38 Teeny

#### DOWN

- 82 "— hawl!"  
83 Grocery chain initials.  
85 Douglas fir, for Oregon  
86 Birdie + 1  
88 MSN, e.g.  
89 Wd. in a thesaurus  
94 Striped female stalker  
96 Smile evilly  
98 Gambling parlor, for short  
99 Tricycle parts  
100 Duration  
104 Slack-jawed  
106 Mad  
107 — admin  
109 Abounds  
110 Chow  
111 Maui goose  
112 Meat-stamping org.  
114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations  
115 "Auld Lang —"  
116 Birds' class  
118 Decade count  
120 Man-mouse link  
121 Sit-ups work them  
122 — Poke (candy)  
123 "— out!"





# WHO'S WHO IN HEALTHCARE



## Mahubah Abdallah, APRN Convenient Care Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

Chamberlain University, Chicago, IL  
Master of Science in Nursing, 2018  
Specialty: Family Nurse Practitioner 2019

### Certification:

Family Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2019

### Services Offered:

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## Stephanie D. Crawford, DNP, APRN Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education & Experience:

Bachelor of Science of Nursing, 1998, St.  
Anthony College of Nursing; Master of Business  
Administration, 2005, Cardinal Stritch University;  
Master of Science in Nursing, 2010, Northern Illinois  
University; Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2019, Grand  
Canyon University.

### Certifications:

Adult Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2011;  
Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse,  
2016

### Services offered:

Provides services for patients age 16 and older in  
primary care and advanced illness management.

### Accepting New Patients:

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## Christine M. Gorman, M.D. Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

Practicing in Rochelle since 1992. Completed  
undergraduate education at University of Illinois  
and medical school at Rush University, Chicago.

### Specialty:

Family Medicine with interest in women's health  
and children.

### Services Offered:

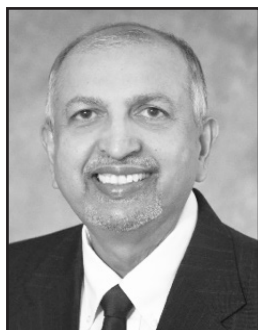
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Disease diagnosis and management, wellness  
care, preventative medicine, minor surgeries, pap  
smears.



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## Pitamber Persaud, MD Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

Practicing in Rochelle since 2000.  
Completed residency at Harlem Hospital Center  
Columbia University, New York, NY

### Specialty:

Internal Medicine/Family Medicine

### Services Offered:

Disease management with primary and preventative  
care for the whole family.

### Accepting New Patients:

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## Kendall Vogeler, MD Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

Medical school: University of Illinois College of Medicine  
at Rockford 2015; Residency: University of Illinois  
College of Medicine at Rockford rural training track at  
KSB Hospital 2019

### Board Certification:

2019

### Services Offered:

Full scope family medicine with special interest in  
preventative screenings, women's health and pediatrics.

### Personal or Family Info:

Enjoy being close to family and in a small community.

### Accepting New Patients:

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## Gadini O. Delisca, MD XCEL Orthopedics at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

Vanderbilt School of Medicine  
Nashville, TN 2015  
Michigan Medicine Orthopedic Surgery  
Residency, Ann Arbor, MI 2020

### Specialty:

General Orthopedic Surgery

### Practice Focus:

Orthopedics including: Adult and Pediatric Fracture Care,  
Sports Medicine and Geriatric Care  
Joint Replacement: Shoulder, Hip and Knee  
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## Susan Mueller, APRN Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education/Experience:

St. Anthony College of Nursing  
Bachelor's 1994  
NIU Master's of Science in Nursing  
Specialty: Family Nurse Practitioner 2009

### Certifications:

Family Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2009  
Emergency Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified 2020

### Services Offered:

Primary Care for the whole family including preventative  
care and disease management.

### Accepting New Patients:

Yes



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## Jason C. Popp, M.D.

## Family Healthcare Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education & Experience:

I have been in practice in Rochelle since the fall of 2001.  
I received my undergraduate education at Northern  
Illinois University and my medical school education  
through the University of Illinois.

### Areas of Specialty:

I am a board certified Family Physician who focuses  
upon care of the whole family, children and adults.

### Services Offered:

Family medicine offers services focusing upon  
preventative health care, but also manages disease  
processes. On top of this, many minor surgical  
procedures can be done within the office. Certified  
Medical Examiner for DOT Physicals.

### Accepting New Patients:

Yes



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## Lucinda K. Zoeller, APRN On-the-Go Healthcare Clinic at the Petro A Part of Rochelle Community Hospital

### Education & Experience:

MSN from University of Illinois, 1997  
Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner  
A Nurse Practitioner at RCH Since 2003  
Certified Medical Examiner-DOT Physicals

### Services Offered:

Physicals: DOT, Bus and Pre-employment  
Care of Work-related Injuries

### Accepting New Patients:

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# WHO'S WHO IN HEALTHCARE

## Seven lifestyle choices to reduce cancer risk

TO date there is no definitive cure for cancer, nor any one preventative treatment. But individuals should not resign themselves to the fact that cancer is inevitable. There are plenty of lifestyle modifications that can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk. Here's a deeper look at some of the more effective.

Not only does smoking cause between 80 and 90 percent of lung cancer deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it also contributes to many other forms of the disease, including cancers of the pancreas, liver, bladder, and cervix. Quitting smoking and avoiding secondhand smoke can reduce cancer risk.

Physical activity can lower estrogen levels, reduce levels of insulin in the blood, help a person lose weight, and reduce inflammation — all factors that contribute to the formation of cancer.

Experts recommend 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise a week.

The American Institute for Cancer Research indicates certain minerals, vitamins and phytochemicals can produce anti-cancer effects. Many foods, namely fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes, can boost health and contribute to lower cancer risk.

Drinking alcohol regularly increases the risk of cancers to the mouth, voice box and throat, according to the CDC. Furthermore, alcohol consumption is a primary risk factor for liver cancer. By limiting alcohol consumption, individuals can reduce their cancer risk.

Individuals should avoid behaviors that put them at risk of contracting hepatitis C, which causes inflammation of the liver. Hepatitis C can be contracted by receiving a piercing or tattoo in an unsanitary environ-

ment, through injecting or inhaling illicit drugs, through unsafe sex, or if you are a healthcare worker exposed to infected blood through an accidental needle prick.

Protect the skin from exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun and tanning beds, as skin cancer is the most common form of the disease in the United States. Simply reducing exposure can help prevent skin cancers and other damage. This includes wearing wide-brimmed hats, applying sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wearing sun-protective clothing. Tanning beds are not safer for the skin than being out in the sun, so they should be avoided.

The importance of sleep to overall health is easily overlooked. Lancaster General Health says, while there is no specific data for sleep on cancer prevention, sleep deprivation can lead to harmful behaviors, such



as overeating, drinking too much alcohol or being too tired to exercise, each of which increases cancer risk. Relatively easy lifestyle changes can go a long way toward reducing cancer risk.

## Important reasons to visit a primary care physician

IT is vital to make personal health a priority. Despite that widely accepted truth, far too often people delay trips to see their doctors. The coronavirus pandemic only compounded this issue. An April 2020 report from Modern Healthcare found roughly one in three Americans delayed medical care as they coped with the financial loss and stress caused by COVID-19. A report from CTV indicated Canadian cancer diagnoses were down 16 percent from 2018 to 2020 due to closed facilities or fear of getting COVID-19 from medical offices.

Concerns about the pandemic are not the only reasons individuals may skip doctor visits. Some avoid going to the

doctor due to fear of the unknown. Dr. Barbara Cox, a psychologist based in San Diego, told NBC News that it's common to feel reticent and anxious about going to the doctor. Around 3 percent of the population actually suffers from iatrophobia, the medical name for fear of doctors. Most just worry about getting bad news.

A refresher course on the benefits of visiting a primary care doctor may compel millions to schedule appointments and get back on top of their overall health.

Chronic disease management: An individual with a chronic disease, such as kidney disease, diabetes or hypertension, should consult with a doctor about the ideal frequency of visits and to

coordinate medication and testing with specialists.

- **Vaccines and shots:** Primary care providers (PCPs) offer routine vaccinations and can ensure that individuals are up-to-date on the immunizations they need to stay safe. Tetanus, diphtheria, shingles, pertussis, flu, and now COVID-19 vaccines are vital to overall health.

Medical referrals: A PCP can assess a health situation and refer a patient to the correct specialist if more extensive care is needed. However, many chronic conditions can be monitored and addressed by a PCP.

Cancer screenings: UW Medicine, which specializes in patient care, research and physician training in Seattle, says most people will need a

few cancer screenings as they age, including colonoscopies, Pap smears, mammograms, and other important diagnostic tests for cancer. PCPs are usually the first line of defense against cancer and can ensure patients receive the screenings they need.

Non-life-threatening illnesses or injuries: Unless a situation is life-threatening or severe, thereby warranting a trip to the emergency room,

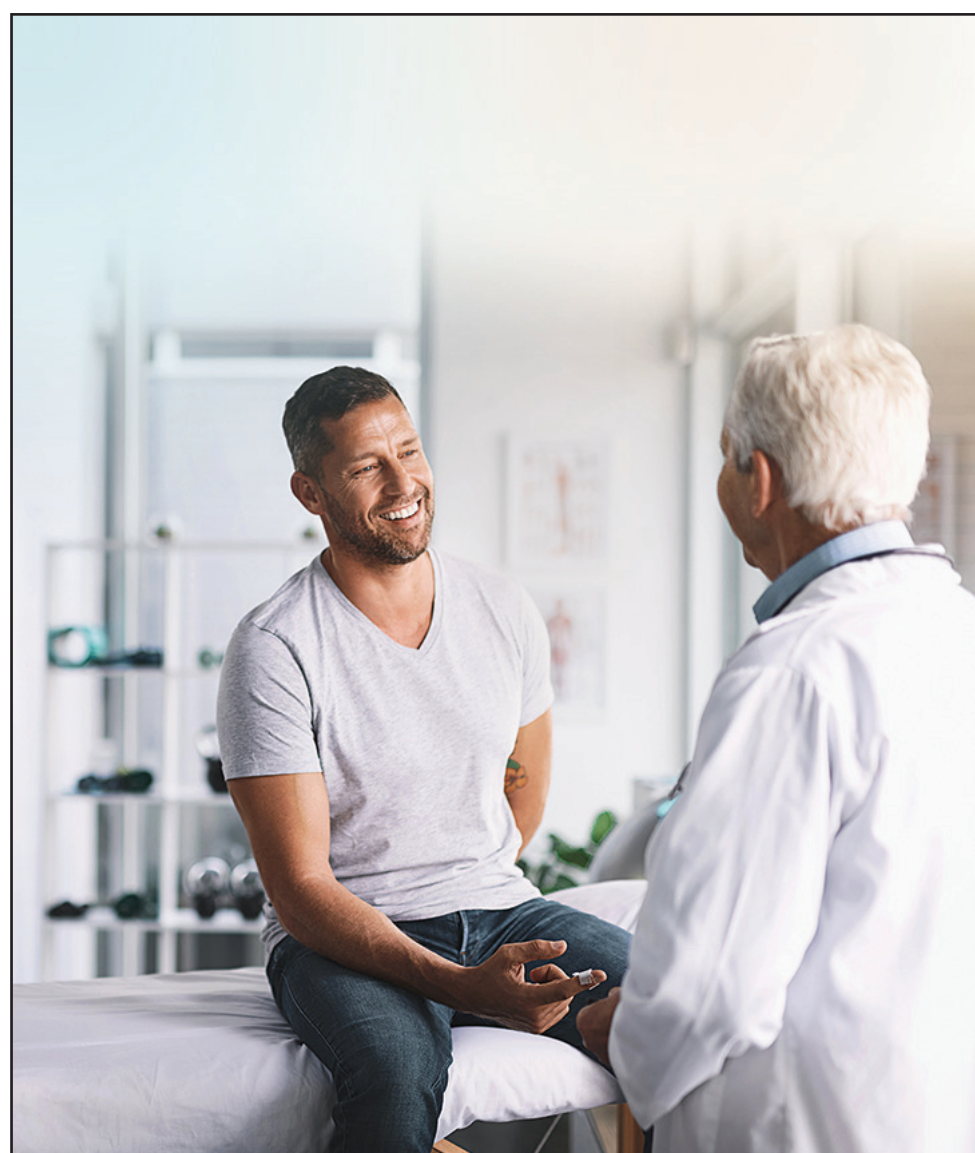
most people can visit their PCPs for help treating a variety of conditions. When in doubt, individuals should first consult with their general practitioners about the right course of treatment.

Routine lab work: Blood and urine tests often are part of annual well visit checks. Many PCP offices have phlebotomists on staff so that lab work can be conducted in the convenience of one place and

then sent out for testing.

- **Work or sports physicals:** Certain employers require physical examinations, as do schools and recreational sports leagues. PCP offices are the place to go for these types of examinations, which are generally recommended annually.

Primary care physicians are often the first people to turn to for a bevy of health and wellness needs.



**Aaron Nevdal, P.T., D.P.T.**  
**Board Certified in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy**  
Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists

**Education & Experience:**  
Aaron earned a Master of Physical Therapy Degree from Northern Illinois University in the spring of 2002. In 2008, Aaron earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Regis University in Denver, CO. In 2009, he completed board certification in orthopaedic physical therapy. Aaron has also completed various courses focusing on evaluation and treatment of the spine, hip, foot and ankle, knee and shoulder.

**Specialty/Focus:**  
Aaron enjoys seeing a varied caseload of orthopaedic conditions. His main professional interests lie in using exercise, manual therapy, and dry needling in the treatment of patients with spinal and extremity orders.

**Services:**  
Manual physical therapy, sports therapy, strength training, spine, back & neck pain, joint replacements, ankle & knee, shoulder pain, rotator cuff, Osteoarthritis, tennis elbow, sciatica, Plantar Fasciitis, Sacroiliac Joint Pain, repetitive use injuries.

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**Janet Truckenbrod Sarver, P.T., D.P.T.**  
**Physical Therapist**  
Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists

**Education & Experience:**  
Janet graduated with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in May 2013 from Northern Illinois University. She also received a Bachelor degree at NIU, majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry in 2007.

**Specialty/Focus:**  
Janet enjoys treating a variety of caseloads including pediatrics, orthopedics and sports related injuries through use of manual therapy and therapeutic exercises, and also provides aquatic physical therapy at The REC Center in Rochelle. She has taken several courses on pediatrics focusing on torticollis, developmental milestones, and gait analysis and training. Janet is a Rochelle High School alumni and athlete. She continues to live and work in Rochelle, and enjoys serving and being a part of the community in which she was born and raised.

**Services:**  
Manual physical therapy, pediatric physical therapy, aquatic physical therapy, sports therapy, strength training, spine, back & neck pain, joint replacements, ankle & knee, shoulder pain, rotator cuff, osteoarthritis, tennis elbow, sciatica, Plantar Fasciitis, Sacroiliac Joint Pain, repetitive use injuries, Torticollis, gait analysis, gait training

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**Kelly Tonielli Davis, DNP, APRN FNP BC CMEWCN**  
**Davis Family Health**

**Education:** 22 yrs. beginning as a CNA, achieved Masters in Nursing Education 2011; Family Nurse Practitioner-Certified 2016; Doctorate in Nursing 2018.

**Areas of Focus:** Family, Drug Treatment, Diabetes, Wound, DOT

**Services Offered:** DOT Physicals, Drug Treatment, Weight Loss Solutions Pediatrics-Elderly. End of life coordination, Wound Treatment, Minor office surgical procedures, overall wellness

**Personal or Family Info:** Married 25 yrs., 2 children, 2 grandchildren. Served in the USAF for 7 years from 1986-1993 as a Security Specialist (Security Police). Served during Desert Storm and achieved many awards.

**Accepting New Patients:** Yes

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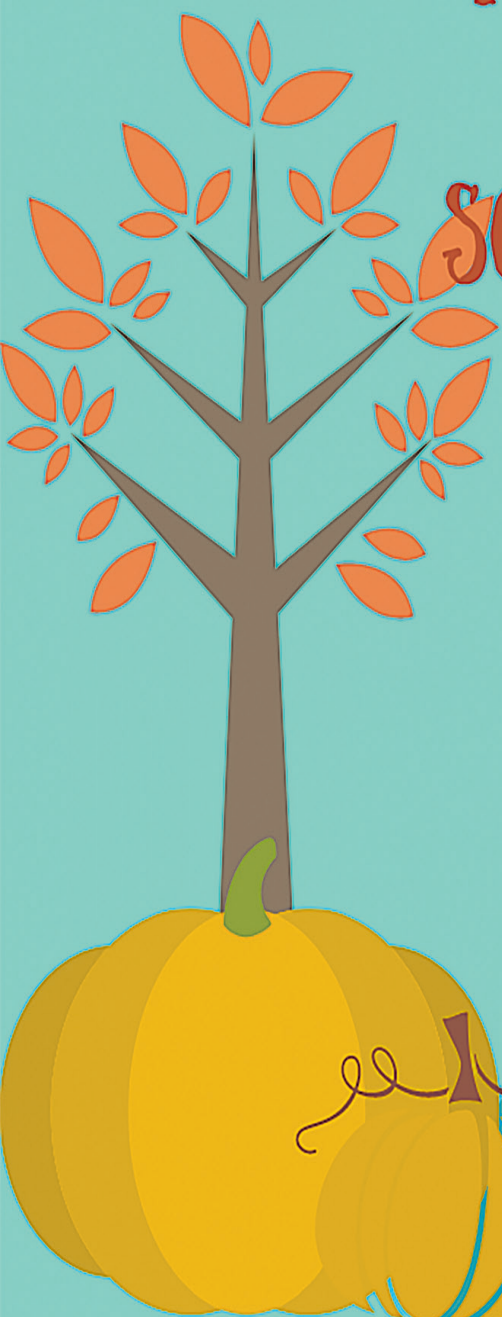
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# Senior Hubs honored

## Rochelle hosts Kaneland, Plano at Fairways for final home match of season

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Township High School varsity golf team recognized each of its four seniors Tuesday evening, when the Hubs faced Kaneland and Plano at Fairways Golf Course. Rochelle finished second in the three-team meet, scoring 175 while Kaneland won with 159 and Plano took third with 249. The Hubs celebrated four seniors including four-year varsity player Griffin Ohlinger, who led Rochelle with a 3-over-par 39 in the match. Freshman Ian Metzger followed with a 6-over-par 42 and senior David Wanner fired a 9-over-par 45 for the Hubs.

“Three of our seniors have been with the team for four years and it’s great to see players stick it out for all four years,” head coach Glen Mehrings said. “It was nice having a steady group of guys over the last few years and having David come out this season really helped stabilize our varsity lineup. He’s willing to work hard and he’s made significant strides since the start of the season. Our seniors get along with each other



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
The Rochelle Township High School varsity golf team recognized its four senior players after Tuesday’s Interstate 8 match against Kaneland and Plano. Above from left to right, with their mothers, are Griffin Ohlinger, Wade Smith, David Wanner and Damen Harrington.

really well and they’re good, honest kids.”

Seniors Damen Harrington and Wade Smith, both four-year golfers, recorded respective scores of 49 and 52 during Tuesday’s meet. Junior Cale Workman carded a 63 to round out the six varsity starters for the Hubs (5-7, 2-3 Interstate 8), who will compete at the ACC Charger Invitational this weekend before facing Sycamore and Morris on

the road next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

“We’ve been around the 170s for most of the season, but I think we can shoot in the 160s,” Mehrings said. “Our top players want to make their senior seasons successful so they’ve put some pressure on themselves, but I think our team has settled in over the last few weeks. Ian has adjusted well as a freshman and I think all of our kids are trying.

They’re making strides mentally and I’m hoping that we can peak at conference and regionals in a couple of weeks.”

### Saturday

The Rochelle Township High School varsity golf team competed in the Brad Fowler Invitational at Aldeen Golf Club this past Saturday, finishing 16th out of 20 teams with a score of 394. Senior Griffin Ohlinger

led the Hubs with an 84 and freshman Ian Metzger followed with an 86. Senior Damen Harrington and junior Cale Workman rounded out the varsity lineup with respective scores of 103 and 121.

### Wednesday

Seniors David Wanner and Griffin Ohlinger each fired 41 to lead the Rochelle Hub varsity golf team during this past Wednesday’s Interstate 8

Conference meet against Ottawa and Sandwich. Rochelle finished second in the three-team meet, shooting 166 while Ottawa won with 152 and Sandwich took third with 175.

Freshman Ian Metzger and senior Damen Harrington each carded 42 to round out the top four varsity scorers for the Hubs on Wednesday. Junior Elise Horner led the JV team with a 48.

RTHS Cross Country

# Hernandez, Ortiz earn victories at Skare Park

## Varsity runners take home first-place finishes in annual Rochelle Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Two Rochelle Township High School runners brought home first-place finishes at Skare Park on Thursday, when the Hub and Lady Hub varsity cross country teams hosted the Rochelle Invitational with DeKalb, Genoa-Kingston, Amboy, Camanche and Hinckley-Big Rock. Senior Yuelma Ortiz dominated the varsity race for the Lady Hubs, surging ahead during the first mile and cruising to victory with a time of 21:40.9. Ortiz finished nearly one-and-a-half minutes ahead of the second-place runner, Akemi McHan of DeKalb, who clocked in at 22:59.3. “I was a little nervous at the start of the race, but I was really happy when I finished the race,” Ortiz said. “I remember running this race during my freshman year and it’s my senior year now so I really wanted to win this. I thought I ran the hills a lot better than I did last season. We’ve been working on running up hills during practice and I feel a lot stronger. This win makes me feel

more confident going into our next few meets and I thought I ran a pretty good time today.”

The Lady Hubs took second out of three qualifying teams with 48 points in the meet. Freshman Annaliese Koziol finished ninth with a time of 24:57.4, while sophomore Bridgett Ramirez (28:46.1) as well as freshmen Emely Hernandez (28:58.4), Rose Luxton (29:08.5) and Mary Chadwick (29:10.6) placed 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th out of 27 runners in the varsity race.

Junior Luis Hernandez was the second Rochelle runner to emerge victorious on Thursday, winning the varsity race for the Hubs with a time of 17:31.0. Hernandez trailed DeKalb’s Eduardo Castro over the first mile of the course, but a strong effort over the latter half of the race allowed the junior harrier to overtake Castro and cruise to a 44-second victory.

“I was staying calm during the beginning of the race and I saw him starting to fade as the race went on,” Hernandez said.

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(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)  
Junior Luis Hernandez (left) and senior Yuelma Ortiz (right) each finished first in their respective varsity races during the Rochelle Invitational at Skare Park on Thursday.





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## HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle Township High School will be installing a new scoreboard inside the football stadium at the Douglas A. Creason Athletic Complex. The new scoreboard will replace the current scoreboard (above), which has been operational since 2004.

## New scoreboard coming to RTHS football facility

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Rochelle Township High School will be installing a new scoreboard for the football field at the Douglas A. Creason Athletic Complex. RTHS athletic director Richard Harvey said the school is hoping to have the new scoreboard operational for the spring season. No determination has been made yet as to when the current scoreboard will be taken down.

RTHS currently operates four scoreboards at its football, soccer, baseball and softball facilities. Harvey said the scoreboards, which have been operational since August 2004, have encountered various issues over the last four years. Harvey also said the necessary parts required to maintain the current scoreboards have become obsolete and difficult to acquire.

“It’s very challenging to find parts from used markets,” Harvey said. “In 2019, we started the process of looking at replacing the scoreboard in the stadium due to ongoing issues with it and growing challenges with securing viable repair parts. We continue to experience issues with the scoreboard during events and ongoing issues with finding working parts to make repairs.”

The RTHS Board of Education approved a resolution to replace the football scoreboard in December 2019. Due to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, however, Harvey said the

project experienced delays. Harvey also said the scoreboard will be at no cost to the school district, which intends to partner with local sponsors to fund the scoreboard.

“We are thankful for the community support on this project,” Harvey said. “In 2016, the district started an advertising program for our scorer’s table in the RTHS main gymnasium. We learned throughout this process that revenues from advertising could help offset future costs.”

Beyond use at home football games, Harvey said the new scoreboard will benefit other athletic programs and activities at RTHS. Examples include race times displayed during home track and field meets as well as live footage of graduation ceremonies, which have been held at the football stadium in recent years. Additional opportunities for use include Senior Night presentations, award ceremonies as well as cheerleading, dance and band performances.

“Along with benefiting programs inside the football stadium, the scoreboard will also be a source of ongoing revenue to upgrade existing scoreboards for other RTHS athletic programs,” Harvey said. “There will also be opportunities for local businesses to advertise on the new football scoreboard. The revenue from the football scoreboard will go toward purchasing new scoreboards on our campus that are facing the same issues as our current football scoreboard.”

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# SPORTS



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Senior Thomas Koziol sprints to the finish line during the Rochelle Invitational at Skare Park on Thursday.

## RACE: Rochelle teams take second at Skare Park

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“I was able to take off from there. I’ve been motivating myself this season and I think about how my last few seasons didn’t go so well. I’m working to qualify for the sectional meet this season and this win is going to motivate me to achieve that goal.”

Senior Thomas Koziol and freshman Declan

McGee took seventh and ninth with respective times of 19:07.3 and 19:25.3. Sophomore Chris Hickey placed 17th with a time of 20:30.7 for the Hubs, who finished second out of five qualifying teams with 61 points in the varsity race.

Rochelle’s teams will compete in the Larry Edgington Invitational at Kaneland High School this weekend.

### St. Paul Lutheran School



(COURTESY PHOTOS)



### Crusader cross country runners medal at Rockford Lutheran

On a 1.5-mile muddy course, three St. Paul Crusaders medaled Tuesday night in Rockford. In the fifth/sixth-grade race, Reed Rowley (top left) placed second with a time of 10:31, Esam Farraj (top right) took ninth with a time of 11:44 and Axel Alsop (bottom left) placed 20th. In the seventh/eighth-grade race, Tyler Johnson (bottom right) placed second with a time of 9:48.

### RTHS Boys Soccer

## Hubs win PK shootout at LaSalle-Peru

Rochelle moves to 4-1 in conference action with road victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**LASALLE** — Senior midfielder Jace Whitehead delivered the deciding goal in a penalty-kick shootout to lift the Rochelle Hub

varsity soccer team over LaSalle-Peru on Wednesday. The Hubs (7-4, 4-1 Interstate 8) will host Belvidere this weekend for a nonconference matchup.

The Cavaliers struck first in the Interstate 8

Conference contest, scoring in the fifth minute before Rochelle found the equalizer in the 18th minute, where junior forward Diego Salazar converted a shot on goal to tie the score at 1-1.

The Hubs, who were outshot 13-9 in the match, outlasted LaSalle-Peru 4-3 in the penalty-kick shootout for the win. Senior keeper Jarret Milan recorded two saves in regulation.

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Girls Tennis



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team hosted consecutive matches against Ottawa and Sterling on Tuesday and Wednesday. At left, senior Marisa Whaley hits a backhand shot on the No. 2 doubles court. At right, sophomore Riley Doyle makes a play at the net of the No. 3 doubles court.

## Sterling edges Lady Hubs after long singles battle

### Rochelle netters earn two doubles points during 3-2 loss to Golden Warriors

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Junior Elin Zheng found herself locked in a nearly three-hour-long singles battle with Sterling's Ellie Aitken for the fifth and deciding point of the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team's nonconference home match against the Golden Warriors on Wednesday evening.

With the sun fading out and players from both teams watching and cheering from the bleachers, Zheng and Aitken took the No. 1 singles match into a third-set tiebreaker, where the Lady Hub junior fought hard but fell just short in

a 6-4, 4-6, 6-10 loss to the state qualifier Aitken. The No. 1 singles win allowed Sterling to hold on for a 3-2 victory over Rochelle (2-5, 0-3 Interstate 8).

"Elin was very consistent and she was keeping the ball in play throughout the match," head coach Lizzie Cartwright said. "She was solid throughout the match and it was back and forth the whole time. It could've been either player's match tonight and Elin played her heart out."

The Lady Hubs secured the first point of the match at the No. 3 doubles court, where senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle cruised over Anna Hutchi-

son and Teagan Morris 6-1, 6-0. The Golden Warriors evened the score with a win at the No. 1 doubles court, where Riley Dunn and Emma Trader held off seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams 6-4, 6-4.

"Maleah and Riley came out ready to perform and it was great to see," Cartwright said. "When they're communicating, they play well and that's something we continue to talk with our players about. We always want our players talking during points because good things will happen."

Rochelle took a 2-1 lead in the match after seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa

Whaley rallied to earn a 6-4, 6-4 win over Eva Dillon and Leticia Caudillo at the No. 2 doubles court. In a hard-fought match at the No. 2 singles court, Sterling's Layla Tablante outlasted Rochelle senior Abby Tarvestad 6-3, 6-4 to tie the score again at 2-2 with the No. 1 singles match still in play.

"Bailey and Marisa communicate well on the court," Cartwright said. "When I see them talking to each other in between points, that's when I see them doing well. They have a great attitude. They're here to have fun, but they want to win as well and I think that's great to see... The girls are doing

a great job and they're putting a lot of effort in during practice. They're staying positive and we're having a really good time together. I'm enjoying how our season is going so far."

Rochelle will return home for a nonconference match against Streator on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

### Ottawa

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team hosted an Interstate 8 Conference match against Ottawa on Tuesday, falling 5-0 to remain winless in conference action.

Junior Elin Zheng took two games in an 0-6, 2-6 loss against Emma Cushing at the No. 1 singles

court, while senior Abby Tarvestad earned one game in a 1-6, 0-6 loss to Layne Krug at the No. 2 doubles court. Seniors Torrin Nantz and Francesca Williams claimed one game in a 0-6, 1-6 loss against Jenna Smithmeyer and Rylee O'Fallon at the No. 1 doubles court.

Seniors Bailey Jackson and Marisa Whaley secured two games in a 0-6, 2-6 loss against Isabel Heimsoth and Emma Walker at the No. 2 doubles. Senior Maleah Pointer and sophomore Riley Doyle won a team-best three games in their 2-6, 1-6 loss to Mika Moreland and McKenzie Eichelkraut at the No. 3 doubles court.

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# SPORTS

RTHS Volleyball

## Front-row blocking stands out in loss to Kaneland

Hale shines as Lady Hubs falter late in 16-25, 25-20, 8-25 defeat on Thursday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — After a tough loss against Sycamore on Tuesday, energy and intensity were high for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team on Thursday, when the girls hosted the Kaneland Knights and aimed to remain near the top of the Interstate 8 Conference standings.

Despite a strong defensive effort on the block and a resilient second-set performance, receiving errors proved costly for the Lady Hubs, who committed 14 of them in a 16-25, 25-20, 8-25 loss to the Knights on Thursday. Senior Payton Hale shined for Rochelle in the match, leading the Lady Hubs in three statistical categories including kills (eight), digs (six) and blocks (three).

“Payton has really found her rhythm,” head coach Molly Sly said. “She’s been very consistent for us

in the back row, but she’s really found her rhythm in the front row. She’s one of our best serve receivers when we face good serving teams and we had to pull her back more often than we normally do, but they didn’t serve her the ball and I thought that made a huge difference.”

Kaneland took advantage of multiple receiving errors from the Lady Hubs (8-7-3, 2-2 Interstate 8) in the first set, taking a 10-5 lead after a 5-0 run and preserving the lead with a flurry of tips and kills that found small holes in the Rochelle defense. The Lady Hubs began to turn up on the block midway through the second set, where Hale as well as sophomores Taelynn Rodeghero and Alison Ohlinger denied several Kaneland kill attempts to ignite a 8-0 Rochelle rally.

“Kaneland runs a quick offense, but I thought our girls really wanted it tonight,” Sly said. “They went out there and were able to

get touches on the ball when we needed them. . . The girls set goals before the season and they want to be a top-2 team in our conference. We have to take a match from either Kaneland or Sycamore to do that. That was where the fire came from tonight.”

The 8-0 run erased a 17-13 deficit and allowed Rochelle to surge ahead late in the second set, where kills from senior Addie Friestad and junior Kennedy Adamski helped secure the win and extend the match into a third-set tiebreaker. Friestad finished with five kills in the match, while Adamski totaled two kills and Ohlinger dished out 14 assists. Senior Macy Ramos recorded five digs and two service aces for the Lady Hubs, who are at LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Sycamore**

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team faced Sycamore on Tuesday, falling 23-25, 13-25.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Payton Hale (middle) leads a cheer after a block point during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball match against Kaneland on Thursday. Hale finished with eight kills, six digs and three blocks in a 16-25, 25-20, 8-25 loss.

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A 529 is a specialized savings account for college and university costs. Most plans can be opened by a U.S. citizen or resident alien age 18 and older. The individual opening the account can be a parent, grandparent, cousin, or even a friend. The student is the beneficiary of the account. Four-year schools, community colleges and vocational/trade schools accept 529 accounts as payment sources. The only requirement is that the school must participate in the U.S. Department of Education student financial aid programs.

The financial experts at Ramsey Solutions say an ESA works like a Roth IRA but it is designed specifically for education expenses. Individuals can

invest up to \$2,000 (after tax) per year, per child. The account grows tax-free. The rate of growth varies based on investments in the account. Ramsey estimates that at an average return rate of 12 percent on a \$36,000 investment (\$2,000 per year for 18 years) would grow to around \$126,000 by the time the child starts college. An ESA also can be used to pay for K-12 private school tuition, school supplies, tutoring, or textbooks. It also can be transferred to a sibling if the money is not needed for a particular student.

This plan is different from ESAs and 529s because it is not specifically designed for college savings. The Uniform Transfer/Gift to Minors Act is in the child's name but is controlled by a guardian until the child reaches age



18 or 21. This mutual fund account can be used to save for college with reduced taxes, or funds can be used for other expenses, such as a car or housing.

AP classes allow high school students to take college-level courses that can be converted into college credits. Each AP class reduces the need to pay for a class in college. This can add up to some significant savings. In addition, performing well in AP classes may make students more attractive to colleges and universities, helping students to earn academic scholarships.

Saving for college can start early and there are various vehicles for families to explore.

## How to lower the cost of auto insurance

AUTO insurance is a must-have for drivers. While it might seem hard to believe, as of 2019 there are still some places in the United States where auto insurance is not mandatory. Auto insurance is mandatory in Canada, though each province has

its own requirements in terms of the minimum amount of coverage allowable by law.

Many people, even those in places where auto insurance is not mandatory, recognize the importance of being insured before they get behind the wheel. However, that

doesn't mean those same drivers would not like to cut the cost of their auto insurance policies. A 2019 analysis from the online financial resource NerdWallet found that the average cost of car insurance in the United States is \$1,621 per year. Average insurance costs vary significantly in

Canada, where data from the General Insurance Statistical Agency found that, in 2019, the average annual insurance premium in British Columbia exceeded \$1,800, while drivers in Quebec paid slightly more than \$700 annually.

No matter where drivers live, chances are they would love to lower their auto insurance costs. While there's no one-size-fits-all solution to cut auto insurance premiums, drivers can try various strategies to save money on their policies.

typically range from \$100 to \$2,000. A driver whose policy has a \$100 deductible will pay considerably more on his policy per month than a driver with a higher deductible. In fact, the Insurance Information Institute notes that drivers who increase their deductibles from \$200 to \$1,000 can save 40 percent or more on their coverage costs. Drivers who choose this option should always be sure they have enough money in the bank to cover the cost of their deductibles.

from their auto insurance providers or vice versa.

Research potential discounts. The III notes that many companies offer discounts to policyholders, even if those discounts are not necessarily promoted. Drivers can contact their insurance companies, or shop around with other providers, to ask about various discounts that can save them money on their policies. Anti-theft devices, defensive driving courses, low annual mileage, and a strong credit record are just a handful of the many potential discounts drivers may be eligible for.

Raise your policy's deductibles. Higher deductibles may sound scary to drivers, but raising the deductibles is a great way to lower the cost of auto insurance. The auto insurance provider Progressive notes that deductibles

Bundle your policies. Some drivers save money on their auto insurance policies by buying two or more types of insurance from the same provider. For example, homeowners may save money by buying homeowners insurance

Drivers can reduce the cost of their auto insurance policies in various ways, potentially saving themselves hundreds of dollars each year as a result.

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# FINANCIAL MATTERS

## How to find help with financial planning

**F**INANCIAL advisors can be invaluable resources for people who need help managing their money.

There's an existing misconception that financial advisors are only for the rich, but anyone can benefit from some guidance in regard to their finances. The key is finding a planner who understands your needs and is willing to work with you, no matter how big or small your financial dreams may be.

According to U.S. News and World Report, some financial advisors are no longer interested in working with people without substantial portfolios. Certain firms have stopped paying commissions to brokers for accounts that are considered small, including customers with assets worth between \$100,000 and \$500,000. While that can make it difficult to

find financial help, there are ways to receive assistance.

Ask friends for recommendations. If a financial advisor has worked with a colleague, friend or family member, he or she may also be able to provide services to you. To find professionals with reputable credentials, look for someone who has a Certified Financial Planner or Personal Financial Specialist designation. Those who are relying on investment advisors should work with one who has a Chartered Financial Analyst certificate. These credentials are indicative of proficiency in financial planning.

Look around online. Various online resources, including U.S. News & World Report, offer searchable databases. The Garrett Planning Network at [garrettplanningnetwork.com](http://garrettplanningnetwork.com) offers a map of the United States where

users can find financial advisors in their areas who cater to the middle class.

Contact a professional association. The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors can provide resources for finding local financial advisors. Visit [www.napfa.org](http://www.napfa.org) for a listing. Middle-income individuals can look at the Accredited Financial Counselor website at [www.afcpe.org](http://www.afcpe.org) to find professionals. Accredited financial counselors often focus on helping low- and middle-income people at affordable prices with relevant financial assistance.

Research compensation. Financial advisors may receive compensation in one of two ways: fee-only and non-fee-only. A fee-only advisor typically charges an hourly fee or flat rate for services. A non-fee-only advisor may be compensated at a percentage of assets earned or may receive incentives



and commissions from their companies based on preestablished sales goals or objectives. There are no right and wrong answers

to fee schedules, but find a situation that works for you.

Some people need help navigating the ropes of

financial planning. Financial planners can help people from all backgrounds establish and achieve their financial goals.

## Strategies to recession-proof your finances

**F**INANCIAL planning is an umbrella term that can be applied to various aspects of money management.

Many people associate financial planning with retirement. However, effective financial planning can help people confront today's challenges just as much as it can help them prepare for their golden years.

The pandemic that spread across the globe throughout 2020 posed numerous challenges, including a recession sparked by widespread job loss and declines in economic activity. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that the unemployment rate in the United States exceeded 10 percent in July 2020, while Statistics Canada reported the Canadian unemployment rate was just under 11 percent in that same month. While each country has since witnessed declines in their respective unemployment rates, tens of millions of workers in both nations remain out of work.

The sudden rise in unemployment and decline in global economic activity underscores the need to plan for recessions, even during those times when economies are thriving. Taking steps to recession-proof your finances is an important

component of financial planning that can help people overcome the stress of living during a downturn.

**Build up your savings.** A recent poll from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 45 percent of adults said their mental health had been negatively affected due to stress related to the virus. That poll was conducted in March, shortly after lockdown measures were instituted and the term "social distancing" entered the North American lexicon.

As the pandemic wore on through the summer, fall and into the winter, stress remained a big concern for many people. Much of that stress stemmed from the economy, but one way to ease that stress is to have a substantial amount of money in savings. Each person's financial needs are different, but many planners recommend clients have at least six months' worth of expenses in their savings as a cushion to help them get through job loss.

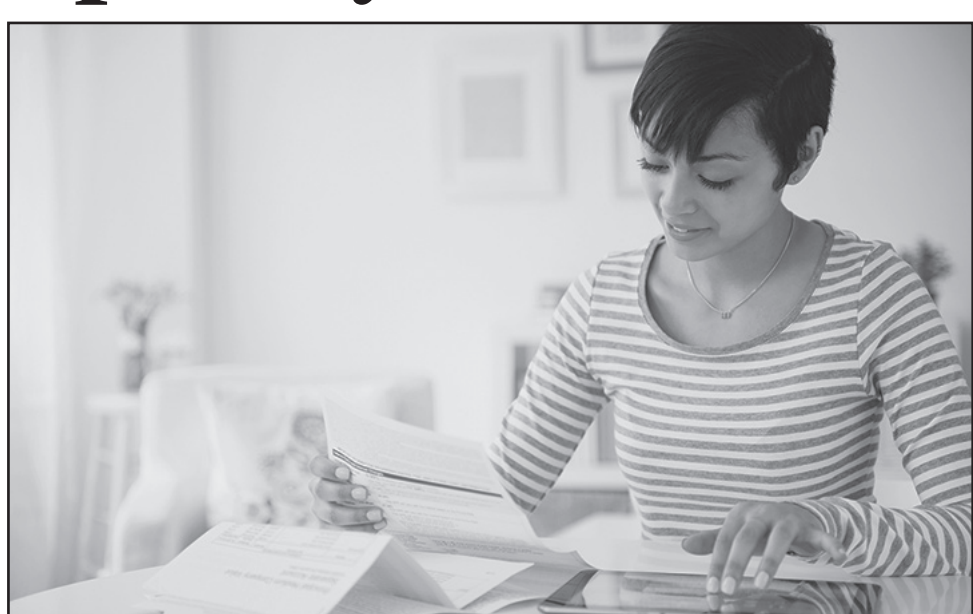
**Pay down debt.** Debt, particularly high-interest debt, can compromise your ability to save. A 2019 survey from Bankrate.com found that 13 percent of Americans admitted that debt was preventing them from saving more money. Pay down debt like credit

cards and only make credit card purchases if you have the money to pay the bill in full when it's due.

**Avoid overspending.** Many financial planners recommend a 50-30-20 approach to money management. Such an approach advises people to devote 50 percent of their earnings to needs, 30 percent to their wants and 20 percent to savings. Spending more than 30 percent on wants can make it difficult to build up a savings account to levels that can protect you in the event of a recession.

**Expect the unexpected.** The American economy was doing historically well as recently as January, only to have the bottom fall out during the pandemic. If you want to recession-proof your finances, do not take your foot off the gas in regard to insulating yourself from the next recession. No matter how strongly the economy is performing, continue to expect the unexpected and prioritize saving so you have a soft landing awaiting you should the economy again take a sudden turn for the worse.

The timing of recessions is unpredictable, but they are inevitable. Effective financial planning can help anyone overcome the challenges posed by economic downturns.



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That the foregoing shall constitute the annual budget for the Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023. As a part of the annual budget, it is stated:

A. Statement of cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year:	\$ 377,708.00
B. Estimate of the cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources:	\$1,072,952.00
C. Estimate of the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year:	\$1,072,952.00
D. Statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year:	\$ 377,708.00
E. Estimate of the amount of taxes to be received by the Fire District:	\$ 500,000.00

SECTION 2. That all unexpended balances of any item or items or any general appropriation made in this ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made for this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That all unexpended balances from annual appropriations of previous years are hereby re-appropriated.

SECTION 4. That the validity of any item or section of this ordinance shall not effect the validity of the whole or any other part thereof.

SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: September 7, 2022 APPROVED: September 7, 2022

/s/ Rodney E. Hayenga  
Rodney E. Hayenga  
President of the Board of Trustees of the  
Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection  
District, Ogle County, Illinois.

/s/ Curt Fruit  
Curt Fruit  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the  
Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection  
District, Ogle County, Illinois. Legal No. 0916 (Sept. 18, 2022)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Illinois School Code, the tentative budget for Steward School Dist 220 for FY 23 will be on display for public review through Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in the main office from 8 AM -3:30 PM on school days. No. 0910 (Sept. 11, 14, 18, 21)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (SPECIAL USE FOR SOLAR)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rochelle City Hall Council Chambers, 420 North 6th Street relative to the following: The Petition of Sky Team, Inc. for a Special Use for the addition of solar to a building.

The subject property is Zoned A - Airport, is located at 1207 Gurler Road in Rochelle, IL, Parcel number 24-36-351-005, and is legally described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter or Section 35 and Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter or Section 36, all in Township 40 North, Range I East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 35, said point being 9.24 feet Westerly of a found stone at the Northwest corner of Section I, Township 39 North, Range I East in Lee County, as measured along the South line of said Section 35 thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds along the South line of said Section 35, a distance of 400.44 feet (to the West line or a tract as described and conveyed in Warranty Deed Book 256, page 91) as documented in the Recorder's Office of Ogle County, Illinois) thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds West along said conveyance, a distance of 49.95 feet (50.00 deeded); thence North 70 degrees 45 minutes 11 seconds West along said conveyance, a distance of 1011.00 feet, a center angle of 20 degrees, 50 minutes 00 seconds, a chord bearing of South 43 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West and an arc distance of 367.61 feet to the South line of said Section 36; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 148.02 feet to said Northwest corner of Section 1, Township 39 North, Range 1 East; then South 89 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds West along the South line of Section 35, a distance of 9.24 feet to the point of beginning,

tance of 459.43 feet to the West line of said Section 36, said point being 252.74 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said section 36 as measured along the West line of said Section 36; thence North 70 degrees 39 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 590.00 feet to a point South 70 degrees 39 minutes 56 West, a distance of 174.03 feet from a point 720.25 feet (720 feet deeded) Easterly of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said section 36, as measured along the North line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence south 0 degrees 04 minutes 46 seconds West, a distance of 638.26 feet (to the Northeasterly corner of property conveyed to Henry and Alice Marks, husband and wife as joint tenants, dated October 20, 1955 and recorded in Book 239 of Deeds page 301 in the Recorder's Office of Ogle County, Illinois); thence South 53 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West parallel with the centerline of the public road designed S.B.I. Route 70 (U.S. Route 251), a distance of 100 feet (to the Northwest-erly corner of property conveyed to Henry and Alice Marks, husband and wife as joint tenants, dated March 23, 1948 and recorded in book 206 of deeds page 25 in said Recorder's Office); thence South 36 degrees 24 minutes 00 seconds East, perpendicular to the centerline of said U.S. Route 251, a distance of 200 feet to the said centerline; thence South 53 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds West, along said centerline, a distance of 235.47 feet; thence continuing along said centerline, said line being curved to the left, having a radius of 1011.00 feet, a center angle of 20 degrees, 50 minutes 00 seconds, a chord bearing of South 43 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West and an arc distance of 367.61 feet to the South line of said Section 36; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 148.02 feet to said Northwest corner of Section 1, Township 39 North, Range 1 East; then South 89 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds West along the South line of Section 35, a distance of 9.24 feet to the point of beginning,

subject to that land being used for public road purposes, all situated in the County of Ogle, and the State of Illinois. The petition is on file and available for examination in the office of the Community Development Director, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, Illinois during normal business hours. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard. Anyone interested in participating in public commentary remotely should contact Michelle Knight at mknight@rochelleil.us or call 815-562-6161 to make arrangements. Rose Hueramo, City Clerk City of Rochelle No. 0915 (Sept. 18, 2022)

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT OF FLAGG TOWNSHIP

Flagg Township hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated August 17, 2022 has been filed with the County Clerk of Ogle County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/01 et. seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 303 IL Highway 38, Rochelle, IL 61068. Please contact Bob Withrow, Supervisor, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at (815) 562-7360 or e-mail him at flaggtwp@rochelle.net. No. 0917 (Sept. 18, 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

"Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Eswood Community Consolidated School District No. 269 in counties of Ogle and DeKalb, State of Illinois, that a public hearing regarding the 2022-2023 school district budget, and, specifically Section 17-1.5 of school code, Limitation of Administrative Costs, will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 26th of September 2022, at Eswood Elementary School, Lindenwood, Illinois 61049. A copy of the Limitation of Administrative Costs worksheet will be available for public inspection in the school district offices located at 304 N. Main Street, Lindenwood, Illinois, from September 15th, 2022 through September 26th, 2022 during regular business hours." No. 0918 (Sept. 18, 2022)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE LYNNVILLE-SCOTT-WHITE ROCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OR PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District.

SECTION 1. That the following sums of money in the total amount of ONE MILLION, SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,072,952.00) or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Lynnville-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023.

### GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSE

District fees and other wages		\$ 20,000.00
Purchase of equipment:		
Communications	\$ 20,000.00	
Apparatus	400,000.00	
Personal protective equipment	30,000.00	
Small equipment	40,000.00	490,000.00
Legal expenses		4,500.00
Insurance:		
General coverages	15,000.00	
Bonds	-0-	15,000.00
Publications and advertising		5,000.00
Utilities:		
Telephone/communications	4,000.00	
Electricity	8,000.00	
Natural gas	6,000.00	
Water and sewer	1,000.00	19,000.00
Maintenance:		
Buildings	15,000.00	
Apparatus	25,000.00	
Equipment	6,000.00	
Communications	4,000.00	50,000.00
Apparatus fuel		6,000.00
Education and training		10,000.00
Miscellaneous supplies:		
Stations	3,000.00	
Office	3,500.00	6,500.00
Public education and prevention		1,000.00
Rents		150.00
Personnel compensation		17,500.00
Medical payments (physicals, immunizations, etc.)		4,000.00
Dues and subscriptions		750.00
Debt retirement		33,000.00
Capital improvements (Buildings)		-0-
Reserve for capital acquisitions		30,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL CORPORATE EXPENDITURE		\$712,400.00

The foregoing appropriations are hereby appropriated from the general property tax for corporation purposes.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSE

District fees and other wages		\$ 20,000.00
Purchase of equipment:		
Communications	\$ 15,000.00	
Apparatus	60,000.00	
Personal protective equipment	7,500.00	
Small equipment	20,000.00	102,500.00
Legal expenses		4,500.00
Insurance:		
General coverages	15,000.00	
Bonds	-0-	15,000.00
Publications and advertising		5,000.00
Utilities:		
Telephone/communications	4,000.00	
Electricity	8,000.00	
Natural gas	6,000.00	
Water and sewer	1,000.00	19,000.00
Maintenance:		
Buildings	15,000.00	
Apparatus	5,000.00	
Equipment	4,000.00	
Communications	2,000.00	26,000.00
Apparatus fuel		6,000.00
Education and training		10,000.00
Miscellaneous supplies:		
Stations	3,000.00	
Office	3,500.00	6,500.00
Public education and prevention		1,000.00
Rents		150.00
Personnel compensation		40,000.00
Medical payments (physicals, immunizations, etc.)		4,000.00
Dues and subscriptions		750.00
Debt retirement		33,000.00
Capital improvements (Buildings)		-0-
Reserve for capital acquisitions		30,000.00
Contract professional services		6,000.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE EXPENDITURE		\$ 329,400.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special ambulance service tax, in addition to all other fire protection district taxes as provided by law.

### TORT IMMUNITY INSURANCE FUND

Tort immunity – Liability	\$ 6,152.00
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The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of special liability insurance tax, in addition to all other fire protection district taxes as provided by law.

### ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT FUND

Annual report and audit	-0-
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The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special annual report and audit tax, in addition to all other fire protection district taxes as provided by law.

### ANNUAL WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND

Workers compensation expense	\$ 20,000.00
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The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special annual workers compensation tax, in addition to all other fire protection district taxes as provided by law.

### SUMMARY

General Corporate Expenditure	\$ 712,400.00
Ambulance Service Expenditure	329,400.00
Tort Immunity Insurance Fund	6,152.00
Annual Report and Audit Fund	-0-
Workers Compensation Fund	25,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,072,952.00



# FARM SAFETY

## Maintenance key to functioning farms

THE family automobile is not the only piece of equipment that requires routine upkeep to ensure it is operating properly.

Life on a farm can come to a screeching halt if farm equipment is not properly maintained. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars on agricultural equipment, such as tractors, tillers, hoppers, and dozers. Adhering to maintenance schedules can prevent breakdowns and decrease the need for potentially costly emergency repairs.

Cleaning the surface of equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Over time, it is possible to employ your senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment

is working properly. Familiarize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks. Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Heavy farm equipment needs motor oil, hydraulic oil and filters changed more frequently than automobiles. Such equipment also may need more frequent lubrication of chains and cables. Always



check and inspect equipment prior to jobs requiring heavy and extended usage.

Have a knowledgeable welder on call to make repairs as needed, or develop your skills to a point where

you feel comfortable making your own spot repairs. The experts at Miller, producers of welding equipment, say cleaning the surface area and removing any paint, oil or corrosion

from the metal area that needs repairing can make for smooth, durable welds. Multi-process welding generators and accessories can ensure the right welds for repairs in the field or in

the shop. Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments. signs that it may need to be replaced.

## Simple safety protocols that can protect hunters

HUNTING is a big business in North America. In 2017, more than 15 million people hunted in the United States. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

Millions of hunters take to forests and fields every year. Seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters

who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with moisture-wicking materials and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out as a last second precautionary measure.

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and

Southern Land Exchange.

- Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.
- Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45-degree area directly in front of each hunter.
- Firearm chambers should be emptied when guns are not in use.
- Use appropriate ammunition.
- Never modify or alter the gun.
- Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.
- Never rely on a gun's safety.

Hunters should always



let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include gear col-

ored in hunter's orange. That extends to dogs if they are accompanying hunters on a trip. This makes hunters more visible to other hunters. Also, carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case of emergen-

cies. These are just some of the safety protocols that should be followed when hunting. Non-hunters should exercise caution during hunting seasons, particularly when entering forests and areas that hunters frequent.

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# FARM SAFETY

## Tips for safer farming practices

**T**RACTOR accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America. In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey. Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

Know farm equipment. Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.



Conduct routine safety checks. Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

Practice cleanliness. Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

Be mindful of your clothing and hair. Many accidents involve a power

take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

Use rollover protection

structures. ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.

Avoid extra passengers. It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

Exercise caution when handling chemicals. Take extra precautions when

handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

Wear protective gear. Wear appropriate gear and equipment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

Employ lock out/tag out control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source

has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Farm safety should be a priority for owners, their families and employees so that agricultural injuries can be reduced.

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# FARM SAFETY

- ▲ Don't allow "extra riders" on farm vehicles, and never let children ride as passengers.
- ▲ Always look behind you before starting or backing up farm machinery, especially when children are present.
- ▲ Maintain machinery regularly, with particular attention to protective shields, rollover protectors and seat belts.
- ▲ Keep chemicals and pesticides safely locked up and out of children's reach, and always follow label instructions when using these materials.
- ▲ Know basic first aid, CPR and emergency response procedures. Make sure everyone on the farm knows these procedures as well.
- ▲ When not using tractors, always make sure they are disengaged by shutting off the power, locking brakes and removing keys from the ignition before dismounting.
- ▲ Avoid wearing loose clothing that could become entangled with moving equipment parts.
- ▲ Some areas should be off-limits to children. These include grain bins, silos, manure lagoons, pesticide storage areas, animal pens and roadways where there is frequent equipment travel.
- ▲ Wear protective clothing or sunscreen when working for prolonged periods in the sun. A hat will also help provide sun protection.
- ▲ Lift heavy items with your legs rather than your back, and avoid steep slopes when moving heavy equipment.

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