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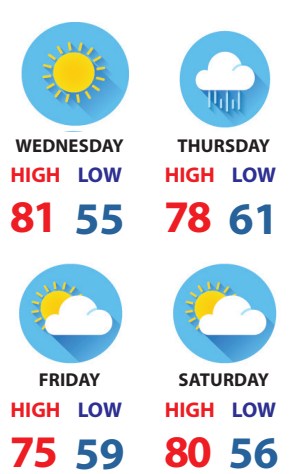
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The Rochelle Police Department held its annual Cop On A Rooftop event Friday. **Page 3**

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## Gaming fee increases approved

City Council approves sale of North Washington Street property

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its Monday meeting, the Rochelle City Council approved future increases to its video gaming terminal fees by a vote of 6-1 with Councilman Dan McDermott voting against the change.

The state's Video Gaming Act recently authorized municipalities to raise the maximum annual fee per terminal to \$250. Many surrounding municipalities have adjusted the annual fee to \$250.

The previous maximum fee amount per terminal was \$25. The city currently has 124 video gaming terminals.

Gaming fees will be raised in Rochelle gradually over a three-year period starting Jan. 1, 2023 to \$100, to \$150 on Jan. 1, 2024 and to \$250 on Jan. 1, 2025.

The establishment must be a current liquor license holder while also meeting the requirements for their liquor license. An annual permit fee for each video gaming terminal shall be paid in advance on or before Dec. 31 of each year. Each permit



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows read a proclamation designating Sept. 6, 2022 Industry Appreciation Day in the city and presented the proclamation to City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

shall expire on Dec. 31 of each year. There will be no prorated fees and funds will go towards the general fund.

"I just don't like the opportunistic, taxing them because we can thing," McDermott said. "Taxes

are supposed to be because we need stuff. I'm just opposed to taking the max tax on everything you can."

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said the gaming terminal fees won't be a large revenue generator for the city and the increased

revenue will help to cover costs of staff time when working on gaming and liquor license issues.

"If you look at how much goes through these terminals every month, you have \$6.29 million," Fiegenschuh said. "In the

last couple of years we've seen more applications for liquor licenses because they want gaming. There have been 2-3 instances where those have taken a lot of legal and staff time."

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## Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival held

President Chrisco: "There were a lot of people and a lot of fun"

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — This past weekend's Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival was Lisa Chrisco's last as LHHF President.

Chrisco has been involved with the festival for many years. She got to go out by celebrating the festival's 25th anniversary, and the LHHF was back in full swing for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The group, team and committee we have, I can't say enough about them," Chrisco said. "Everybody has their complaints, but in the end it all comes together and everybody enjoys something about the entire thing. I'm going to miss doing this. Because everybody has worked so hard and for so long to get it to this point. This is my family and I'll always be around for them. It's been a lot of years. I'm going to miss going around and talking to everyone down here. I talk to the firefighters and all the businesses every year. But I'll be a phone call



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

This year's theme for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival was "Through the Years," celebrating the past of LHHF. It included a carnival and beer garden for all three days along with craft, vendor and business booths, a food court and various local talents including Burn N' Bush (above) performing each day.

away."

Despite rain late Friday night and early in the day Saturday, Chrisco said the three-day event went "re-

ally well."

"There were a lot of people and a lot of fun," Chrisco said. "Overall, I think that everyone is hav-

ing a good time."

Chrisco called it "a relief" to see the event come together and everyone having a good time. The heri-

tage festival's committee is a small group of volunteers that put the event together.

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# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

On Saturday, the Village of Creston held a plaque dedication ceremony in honor of William “Bill” Heal, the late former village president and community activist. Village President Tom Byro (right) and Village Attorney Dave Tess (left) each spoke about Heal during the ceremony. Below is a photo of the plaque in Heal’s honor.

## Village of Creston recognizes William Heal

Daughter Linda: ‘He was always optimistic about the future of Creston’

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**CRESTON** — On Saturday, the Village of Creston held a plaque dedication ceremony in honor of William “Bill” Heal, the late former village president and community activist. Family and friends of Heal and village officials attended the ceremony at Creston’s Village Hall and shared stories of Heal and his work in the village. Heal moved his family to Creston in 1957 and quickly became involved in community service. He was an early member of the Creston Booster Club. Under his leadership, the club built up a parade that helped draw crowds to Creston for the annual Booster Days each fall and he worked throughout the year as a caller and card seller for their Thursday night BIN-

GO. He also participated in many behind-the-scenes activities to help make the Booster Club a success that provided numerous benefits for local residents. For nearly 20 years, Heal served on the Village of Creston School Board, many of those as president. He served on the Village of Creston Board and as village president from 1982-2007. During Heal’s tenure, he guided major accomplishments including the building of a new firehouse, post office and the village hall; construction of the water tower and the installation of the sewer system with the aid of grants he helped secure. After Heal’s passing in April 2020, the Village of Creston wished to remember his dedication and leadership with the memorial plaque. Current Creston Village

President Tom Byro led the ceremony on Saturday. In 1980, Heal and Lyle Headon stopped by Byro’s home and asked if he could fill in on the village board for a couple of meetings. Byro has been on the board ever since. “I learned a lot from Bill,” Byro said. “He was kind of a mentor for me. He was a very dedicated person. There were a lot of things that Bill did in this town that nobody had any idea about. He put up the Creston signs. He did stuff like that all the time. If you had a problem in town and there was some digging to do, Bill would be there. He asked me to help this town out. It’s been a real passion for me. This has been like a two-year project. I’m really proud to have you look at this.”

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**Ashley Lawrenz is the new Rochelle Township High School health care services provider.**

## Lawrenz is new RTHS healthcare services provider

**BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA**  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Ashley Lawrenz is the new Rochelle Township High School health care services provider. Lawrenz comes to RTHS with a significant background in medical education and has worked as a CNA, nurse and paramedic. She worked as a full-time paramedic for 10 years in Rockford, Sterling, Dixon, Lanark and Oregon before making the decision to take the next step in her medical career and become a nurse. She still works as a paramedic at the Lanark Fire Department a few times a month due to the passion she has for emergency medicine. Lawrenz attended Northern Illinois University and earned a bachelors in science of nursing and took a job as a labor & delivery nurse at KSB Hospital in Dixon for two years, and transferred over to CGH Medical Center in Sterling as a labor & delivery nurse and intermittent ER Nurse. She still works at CGH and KSB on an as-needed basis. Lawrenz said she chose to make the change to RTHS due to having four younger children at home and a husband that works 24-hour shifts as a firefighter in Elgin. “School nursing is a different realm of nursing and medical care than I am used to and I am super excited to learn and grow as your school nurse,” Lawrenz said.



# LOCAL NEWS

## 'Cop On A Rooftop' raises money for Special Olympics

RPD Officer Jakymiw: "The donations we receive blow me away every year"

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Police Department raised money for Special Olympics Illinois on Friday at Dunkin' Donuts with a 'Cop on a Rooftop' campaign where officers and members of RPD were in the drive thru and on the roof of the business.

"The day has been awesome," RPD Officer Jim Jakymiw said. "We've had a lot of support from the community coming out to donate. The support has been great."

Jakymiw said the relationship between law enforcement organizations like RPD and the Special Olympics is long-standing.

"We've always had that relationship and it's a way that we can help and support those athletes," Jakymiw said. "So they don't have to worry about any costs and they can

compete and do what they do best."

RPD has hosted a number of community events in the past month including Friday's event at Dunkin' Donuts, its National Night Out event at Atwood Park and a Stuff the Squad fundraiser to gather donations for back-to-school needs in town.

"We're invested in our community and want to see it thrive and being able to connect with people through these events is a way to make us more human to the community," Jakymiw said. "They can see our faces and get to know us so they feel a little more comfortable. If they need help, they know who's coming because they've met us before."

Along with money raised Friday by donations from the community, RPD also collected donations of school supplies and \$1,168 in cash during the Stuff the Squad



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event.

"The donations we receive during things like

this blow me away every year," Jakymiw said. "We always surpass our

amount from the year prior. With Stuff the Squad, even just from the one

day, I was blown away by the generosity of the community."

## Plock joins RTHS teaching staff

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

**ROCHELLE** — Mrs. Rachel Plock has joined the Rochelle Township High School staff teaching dual credit topics of math, dual credit statistics, dual credit college algebra, algebra I and she will be the freshman volleyball coach.

Plock comes to RTHS from Polo Community High School. She earned her undergraduate degree at Monmouth College and graduate degree at University of St. Francis & Aurora University. She shared a memorable learning experience from her own education.

"My college mentor told me I was a good writer," Plock said. "She loved reading my writing. I had never been told anything like that before."



Rachel Plock

It completely changed how I viewed myself as a student and boosted confidence. I've become that cheerleader for my students and athletes, making sure they know their strengths and how well they're doing."

Plock's wisdom for students involves the importance of personal growth.

"If you're comfortable, you're not growing," Plock said. "Do it scared. You'll be so surprised at what you are capable of."



## Little Miss Peanut contest held Friday evening

On Friday night at the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival, the Little Miss Peanut contest was held. Little Miss Peanut was Reese Welles (daughter of Todd and Chele Welles). The first runner up was Clara Simo (daughter of Andy and Heather Simo).

## Community gardens fight food insecurity

**ROCHELLE** — Illinois is home to some of the most fertile soils in the world. No one should go hungry here. Every year, Illinois Extension staff and Master Gardener volunteers around the state fight food insecurity with fruits and vegetables fresh from the garden.

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At the center of every community garden is a group of people committed to the idea that growing and learning together is how everyone succeeds. By partnering with area agencies and businesses, Extension increases the positive impact of its programs.

The Kitchen Table pay-what-you-can café provides meals to anyone regardless of their ability to pay in the Rochelle area. Through the combined efforts of

the Ogle County Master Gardeners and SNAP-Ed in Illinois Extension Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties, the new on-site community garden grew 358 pounds of produce for the café and a local food pantry. The garden was a labor of love with input from many. It was established with a grant from Growing Together Illinois. Transplants were started from seed by Kishwaukee College's horticulture department. Garden beds were designed by Eagle Scout David Kennedy. Master Gardeners and local 4-H clubs assisted with upkeep, watering, and harvesting.

Cans and boxes line food pantry shelves but high costs and storage limitations mean fresh fruits and vegetables are often missing. Food donations from gardens maintained by Extension staff and volunteers allow those who visit pantries to leave with freshly picked tomatoes, lettuce, cantaloupe, strawberries, and other seasonal produce.

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# LOCAL NEWS



## Community makes donations to Rochelle Police Department's Stuff the Squad campaign

The Rochelle Police Department recently collected donations of school supplies and \$1,168 in cash during its Stuff the Squad event at Walmart. On Tuesday, RPD Chief Eric Higby, School Resource Officer Jim Jakymiw and Detective Elvis Baneski dropped off the donations to Rochelle Schools Assistant Superintendent Tony Doyle. The money will be split between paying for school supplies and the Elementary District Homeless Fund.

## Brass From the Past playing in Mt. Morris on Aug. 27

**MT. MORRIS** — Brass From The Past “Rock & Soul Revue” A Tribute to the Legends of Rock & Soul performs a free concert from 7-9 p.m. on the Mt. Morris Bandshell on Aug. 27, rounding out the entertainment for Encore’s seventh annual Straw Fest Day. Brass From The Past will take the audience on a musical journey from late 60s into the early 80s touching on a few 90s and 2000s to end the show. Featuring an unstoppable six-piece horn section, tight four-piece rhythm section and four powerful singers who command the stage, this is no ordinary band! Brass from the Past plays the music of Stevie Wonder, Four Tops, Temptations, Michael Jackson, Chicago, Doobie Brothers, Prince, Aretha Franklin, James Brown, BS&T, Pattie Labelle, Bruno Mars, Chaka Kahn, O’Jays, Tower of Power and more. Concessions for the evening will be provided by Hector’s Cocina, serving Mexican food all day and Spring Valley food truck, serving burgers, Italian beef, chicken tenders, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Just For Fun Ice Cream will be there as well, both starting at 6 p.m. The campus will be extra festive that evening as the Seventh Annual National Strawsculpting Competition wraps up with a full day of entertaining activities and four new sculptures as well as many winners from the past on display all around the south end of the campus until Aug. 29. People’s choice voting ends at 4 p.m. that day, with awards announced at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on the beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of Illinois Route 64 on Wesley Avenue and enjoy the free classic rock and soul concert.

## Ogle County Sheriff’s Department

# Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

**OREGON** — On Aug. 16 at approximately 8:09 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 near the intersection with Mulford Road. After further investigation Shkeele Wiggins, 31, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Wiggins was also cited for expired registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Wiggins was released on an individual bond with a court date to appear. On Aug. 16 at approximately 9:11 p.m. deputies responded to the 500 block of South Valley Drive in Stillman Valley in response to a domestic problem. After an investigation, Shawn S. Sumlar, 36, of Stillman Valley, was arrested for two counts of domestic battery. Sumlar was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted at the scene by Stillman Valley Fire and EMS. On Aug. 17 at 5:51 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 southbound at mile marker 110. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Heidi Woods, 35, of Schiller Park, for driving while her license was suspended. Woods was released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a future court date. Woods was also issued a citation for suspended registration. On Aug. 19 at 3:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000 block of South Illinois Route 2 for a speeding violation. After an investigation Andrew D Stroud I, 23, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for driving while license revoked. Stroud

was also issued a citation for speeding. Stroud was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. On Aug. 20 at approximately 1:57 a.m. deputies along with Byron Fire and EMS, responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 9,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. Upon investigation, Deja N. Patton, 24, of Mt. Morris, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Patton was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol and expired registration. Patton was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. On Aug. 20 at approximately 11:55 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 7,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After further investigation, Michael T. Clapper Jr., 30, of Sterling, was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Clapper was also cited for illegal window tint. Clapper was released on an individual bond and will appear in court at a later date. On Aug. 21 at approximately 11:30 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 9,000 block of East Big Mound Road. After investigation, deputies placed Daniel Villa-Perez, 47, of Davis Junction under arrest for no valid driver’s license. Villa-Perez was also issued a citation for operating uninsured vehicle. Villa-Perez was released on an individual bond at the scene and given a future court date. On Aug. 21 at 9:15 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 4,000

block of North Illinois Route 2 for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Adrian Peralta, 24, of Rockford, was arrested for driving while license suspended. Peralta was also issued citations for illegal window tint and no front registration. Peralta was released on a signature I-Bond with a return court date. On Aug. 22 at approximately 8:12 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 39 at mile marker 108. After further investigation, deputies arrested Darius Benard, 42, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Benard was also cited for illegal window tint and was released on an individual bond with a future court date given. On Aug. 22 at 5:39 a.m. deputies responded to the block of 8,000 North Hales Corner Road in Stillman Valley regarding a suspicious vehicle. After a brief investigation, Ivan Johnson of Rockford was arrested for driving while his license was revoked. Johnson was also issued citations for equipment. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. On Aug. 22 at approximately 10:35 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 near Woodlawn Road. After further investigation Kaitlyn Lerma, 19, of Genoa was placed under arrest for driving while license suspended. Lerma was also cited for speeding. Lerma was released on an individual bond and will appear in court at a later date. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.



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## Rochelle Police Department

# Arrests made on county warrants

**ROCHELLE** — On Aug. 14 at 12:29 p.m. Elena E. Perez, 30, of DeKalb was arrested for retail theft. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Sept. 23 Ogle County court date. On Aug. 17 at 7:28 p.m. Stephanie A. O’Neill, 33, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and obstructing and transferred. On Aug. 17 at 5:51 p.m. Tyree Simmons Jr., 19, of Rochelle was cited for failure to reduce speed and no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Sept. 23 Rochelle court date. On Aug. 18 at 1:30 a.m. Taylor M. Hopper, 26, of DeKalb was arrested on an outstanding DeKalb County warrant. She was released on an I-Bond and given a Sept. 27 court date. On Aug. 18 at 7:37 a.m. Dennis A. Sage, 67, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$1,877 and was released. On Aug. 21 at 1:08 a.m. Tyler R. Jennings, 25, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant (driving under the influence). He paid \$1,877 and was released. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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# LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

This past weekend's Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival was Lisa Chrisco's last as LHHF President. Chrisco has been involved with the festival for many years. She got to go out by celebrating the festival's 25th anniversary, and the LHHF was back in full swing for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

## LHHF: Chrisco reflects on time as festival president

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"The people that have been out here braving the rain are phenomenal individuals," Chrisco said. "They enjoy doing this stuff so much and don't let something like a little bit of water stop them. The people we have out here, I commend them. They're awesome. They came out regardless."

This year's theme for the event was "Through the Years," celebrating the past of LHHF. It included a carnival and beer garden for all three days along with craft, vendor and business booths, a food court and various local talents performing each day.

Friday saw the Little Miss Peanut competition take place. Saturday featured the Hub City Cruisers Car and Motorcycle Show. Sunday was the LHHF parade.

During Monday's Rochelle City Council meeting, Mayor John Bear-

rows thanked the LHHF committee for "a job well done" on the event. He also thanked businesses, local organizations and various city departments that helped to make the festival happen.

"The event turned out very well," Bearrows said. "I think it was a very well-attended event and it was calm with no problems. A project like that takes a lot of hands to make it come together. That's what makes this event happen."

Chrisco said her word of the 2022 LHHF season was "phenomenal."

"I've been saying it a lot," Chrisco said. "I don't know how to express the gratitude that I have. A great, wonderful group of sponsors have stepped up. Every penny counts and every bit of help counts. Every individual counts. I don't know what to say. Everyone has been great. Without the committee, we wouldn't have this. All the credit goes to them."



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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## A weekend at the Heritage Festival

NOW that fall is knocking on the door, we have been able to partake in many festivals and events in our area, with more coming soon. As I write this, we are preparing for the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival in downtown Rochelle and beyond.

The events will be many, including the return of the Little Miss Peanut contest. That has always been great fun because the kids come up with wonderful, spontaneous answers. I am lucky enough to have been asked to be a judge this year. My thanks to Golden K and Kiwanis for pushing and bringing this back to life; what a magnificent event.

The car show will be another great part of the festival. Many classic collector cars will be on full display, and I have the opportunity to choose two winners of the “Mayor’s Choice” award. I enjoy presenting the award to the car owners. The Hub City Cruisers and many other clubs go through a great deal of work and time to prep there show pieces, and I encourage you to visit them, wherever they show to give them support. They love to talk about the history of each of these classics.

Relative to the LHHF, I would like to publicly thank the very dedicated committee, which volunteers their time every year

to make this bigger and better every year for the Rochelle community.

We received some exciting news on Monday Aug. 15. It was announced that Rochelle is one of several communities to receive a grant from the state of Illinois for downtown improvements. The grant will cover over \$1 million in improvements and many of the projects being funded were not possible without the grant.

Thank you to the State of Illinois, and my hats off to our staff that worked very diligently through the documentation process required to achieve

this for Rochelle.

As the pandemic is still on people’s minds, we can get back to somewhat of a normalcy in our daily lives. Both at the city and in each of our personal lives, and I am extremely thankful for that.



John Bearrows

I have now begun my coffee with the mayor monthly in three locations at this point: The Hub City Senior Center at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday, Hawthorne Inn of Liberty Village at 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday and Lincoln Manor at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday.

I honestly believe that the best way to improve

things, or make positive changes, is to hear from the residents. Having said that, I am also working on some dates for some early evening times to allow residents that can’t make the daytime. I will host these at City Hall. I will post these on my Mayor’s Facebook Page as well.

Even though we were off to a rough start this spring with the rains, the golf course is really doing well. This year we anticipate exceeding 13,000 rounds for the second year in a row. This doesn’t happen just by chance, so, many thanks to our golf course management team led by Fairways Superintendent Mitch Hamilton. Excellent job to all.

This amenity is not only a notable example of a quality-of-life issue, but a huge part in what we hear asked of prospective industrial companies as a benefit to their employees. The play day events they host bring a lot of activity to our community.

Until the next time, stay safe and enjoy every day with family and friends and respect one another. If we all make this commitment, our community will benefit from it.

Remember: “Don’t worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don’t even try.”

*John Bearrows is the mayor of the City of Rochelle.*

## Inviting college students to help Renew Illinois

As summer winds down and fall approaches, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University is eagerly gearing up for one of our signature events: the Renewing Illinois Summit for college and university students.

This year’s Summit will be held at SIU in Carbondale on Thursday, Sept. 29, and Friday, Sept. 30, and our theme will be “One Illinois: Noble Aspiration or Impossible Dream”? We are eager to explore the question of state identity and the reality of clear regional tensions and persistent misunderstandings.

We believe we have created an all-star lineup for the Summit, with in-person presentations by Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch, former U.S.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Comptroller Susana Mendoza, and Erika Harold, director of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

We are also delighted to host journalists Shia Kapos of Politico’s Illinois Playbook, Shruti Singh of Bloomberg, Jennifer Fuller of WSIU, and Jeff Rogers of the Illinois Press Foundation. They will discuss how they report on, and write about, Illinois.

Students will have plenty of opportunities to interact with these speakers and each other. There will also be plenty of fun, including a night of bowling.

In organizing the Summit, the Institute is reaching out to a group whose views are too rarely sought or seriously considered when

policymakers contemplate the future of Illinois: college students. The Institute is especially interested in those who are already leaders on their campuses and envision public service for their futures. These are the people who will soon decide whether to settle in Illinois and revive our state or leave for what they perceive to be greener pastures.

The Institute has three main goals for the Summit. First, to generate new and interesting ideas and incorporate unheard voices into the discussion about the future of Illinois. Second, to build a thriving network of creative problem-solvers from Illinois colleges who will stay in touch with the Institute – and each other – over the coming years.

The Institute hopes these “Simon Summiteers” will revitalize Illinois as they leave college and enter businesses, foundations, universities, community colleges, public schools, and nonprofits and participate in our state’s civic life. Third, to be at the vanguard of a constructive agenda for Illinois.

We want to help strengthen Illinois. I believe the Renewing Illinois Summit reflects – and embodies – Paul Simon’s best values and his optimism about the future of our state.

Our hope is that this Summit will help forge a positive agenda for Illinois. As we do so, we will consider fundamental issues

and hard questions:

What specifically can be done to build a common identity and a sense of shared destiny in Illinois?

Is it necessary – or misguided – to think of One Illinois?

Are the different regions in Illinois treated fairly in the allocation of financial resources and political power?

Can the urban-rural division be bridged?

Do the people of the various regions of Illinois inevitably view such issues as guns, education, economic development, criminal justice reform and transportation differently?

Are Illinois’ regional tensions related to, or distinct from, the challenges facing other large states such as New York, Florida, Ohio, or Minnesota?

We are eager for a successful Summit in which we confront large issues and explore inspiring and tangible ways to Renew Illinois. We invite college and university students in Illinois to learn more about the Summit and then to join us in Carbondale. They should contact us at PaulSimonInstitute@siu.edu

*John Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Shaw’s monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.*

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### VOICE ON THE STREET

### Question:

**“What was the first major news story you remember seeing as a child?”**

**“Apollo 11.”**  
Michelle Cote Zunnurain

**“The Challenger blowing up.”**  
Mark G Schabacker

**“Grade school. The Gulf War. Bush was president.”**  
Michael Thompson

**“The assassination of JFK.”**  
Gail Jordal

**“The Little Rock Nine.”**  
Marcia Phipps Forlenza

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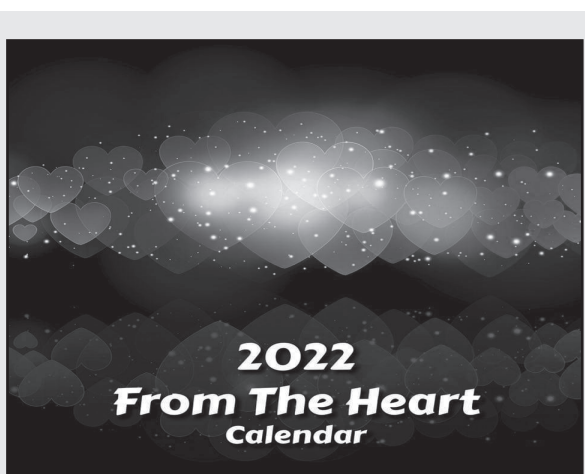
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# COMMUNITY



**Bells celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**  
Don and Loretta Bell were married on Aug. 18, 1962 at the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children: Bob (Michelle) Bell, John (Jody) Bell and Linda (Cory) Keilman and grandchildren: Karly, Kayla, Audra, Ethan, Wyatt and Evan.



- July 29 - Rochelle Food Pantry, \$25
- July 30 - Marcy DeLille, Steward, \$25
- July 31 - Rochelle Hospitality, \$50
- Aug. 1 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
- Aug. 2 - Village of Progress, Oregon, \$25
- Aug. 3 - From the Heart, \$25
- Aug. 4 - Judy Witasik, Steward, \$25
- Aug. 5 - Joel Staley, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 6 - Heidi Martinez, Byron, \$25
- Aug. 7 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
- Aug. 8 - Michele Perez, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 9 - Peggy Phipps, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 10 - Caleb & Canyon Ritter, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 11 - Rochelle Foods, \$25
- Aug. 12 - Laura Steinke, Davenport, Iowa, \$25
- Aug. 13 - Debra Gorski, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
- Aug. 15 - Roger Sheely, Oregon, \$25
- Aug. 16 - Juana Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 17 - Richard E. Bearrows, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 18 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- Aug. 19 - Myra Chatic, Sterling, \$25
- Aug. 20 - David Long, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 21 - Rochelle Masonic Lodge, \$50
- Aug. 22 - Kyle Kissack, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 23 - Tom Hill, Rochelle, \$25
- Aug. 24 - Jane Schell, Rochelle, \$25

## Jandak named to Washington University in St. Louis dean's list

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Charlie Jandak of Rochelle was named to the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Jandak is enrolled in the university's McKelvey School of Engineering. To qualify for the Dean's List in the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 12 graded units.

## Kitchen Table fundraiser benefiting Focus House scheduled for Sept. 23

ROCHELLE — The Cooks & Carpenters Kitchen Table Fundraiser benefiting Foundation of Focus House is Friday, Sept. 23 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at 7034 S. Klondike Road in Rochelle. The night will include live music by Buzzed by Sonset from 5-8 p.m., a 50/50 raffle and dinner for a purpose (\$50 per person) that includes a choice of ribeye steak or salmon filet with salad, roasted veggies, twice baked potato, dinner roll and dessert. Reservations are required. Call 815-561-9074 or 815-762-0220. Chef Amadeus, winner of the Food Network's Extreme Chef Mexican Showdown, will be cooking. His line of seasonings will be available for purchase as well as used in the dinner. Local "amateur waiters" will don aprons and serve up a night of fun. Tables can be purchased at a discount. A table of six costs \$275 and a table of four costs \$175. Tickets are available at the Kitchen Table.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Aug. 24**  
Alex Avila  
TJ & Kelsey Rogers  
**Aug. 25**  
Megan South  
Kevin & Amie Eggenburg

**Aug. 26**  
Derek & Christy Oleson  
Mandy Ferrari  
**Aug. 27**  
Quade Dickey

**Aug. 29**  
Brad Arnold  
**Aug. 31**  
James OBrien

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

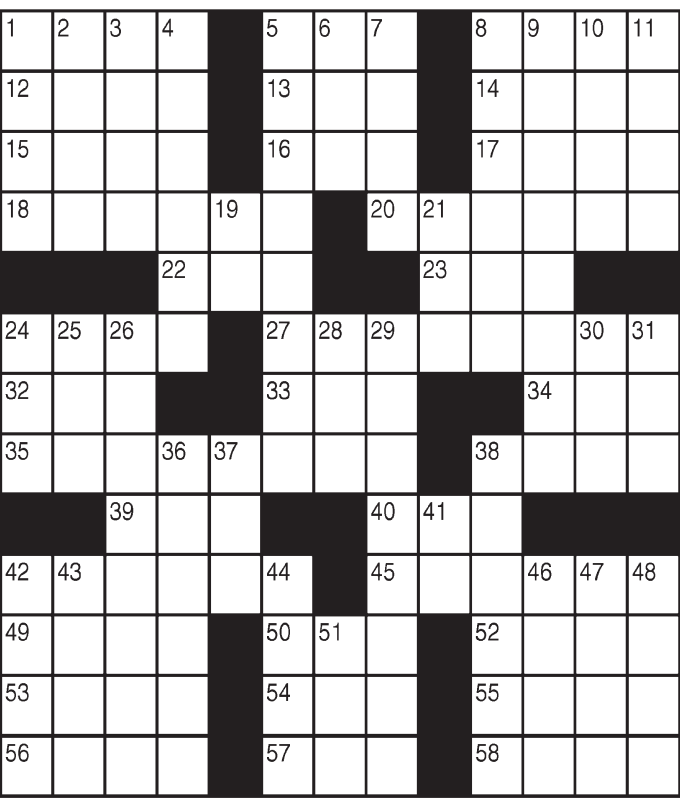


## Coffee Break

### King Crossword

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14 Frau's mate  
15 Mater lead-in  
16 Old Oldsmobile  
17 Notion  
18 Head honcho  
20 Desolate  
22 Presidential nickname  
23 Dol. fractions  
24 "Toodle-oo!"  
27 Shun liquor  
32 Actress Thurman  
33 Hostel  
34 Pie — mode  
35 Gifted  
38 "Roots" author Haley  
39 Altar affirmative  
40 Sushi fish  
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11 Tea carrier  
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21 Calendar abbr.  
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29 Try  
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51 Outback bird

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals X

PZNM AV MZX MXHO EQH VQOXQWX  
PZQ'V XYNOAWAWF MZX UAEX QE  
CHXVASXWM FXHNUS? N EQHS  
XYCUQHXXH.

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Answer

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Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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What is the term for someone who's examining the life of president Gerald A Ford explorer: answer



# LOCAL NEWS

## CITY: Council approves renewable energy credit ordinance

From page 1

“And the liquor licenses really don’t cover those costs. One reason to implement this is it takes a lot of legal and staff time to do these things.”

### Property sale

The council unanimously approved the sale of property it owns at 201 N. Washington St.

“City-owned property located at 201 N. Washington St. has been deemed surplus real estate property located within a defined redevelopment project area and is no longer necessary,

appropriate, useful to or in the best interest of the City of Rochelle to retain ownership of the property,” the meeting’s agenda packet said.

The property is .67 acres and has a 15,624 square-foot industrial building located on it, which was reportedly constructed in 1916. The property is zoned for light industry. Requests for proposals were made public for interested parties to submit proposals, and the offer the city accepted Monday was from Josh Schacht for \$119,000.

### Energy credits

The council unanimously approved an ordinance for the sale of renewable energy credits (RECs) it accumulates at solar arrays at Rochelle Municipal Utilities’ Wastewater Treatment Plant and in the Village of Hillcrest. The city is also entitled to RECs produced at the Rochelle Energy Center at the Rochelle

Landfill.

RECs can generate revenue by being sold to companies seeking to lower their emissions footprint. City staff has met with Engie Energy Market NA, Inc. to formalize an agreement to sell the RECs generated from June 1, 2022 through May 30, 2024 at a rate of \$12 per solar REC and \$14 per methane REC. The new contract is estimated to generate an annual revenue of \$270,000, which is three times the revenue of the city’s recently-expired contract.

In previous years, the revenues have been used to fund RMU’s income assistance program.

“That’s the \$500 credits we give our low to moderate-income residents,” Fiegenschuh said. “If this is approved, we’ll continue to fund that program at the \$500 level and any additional revenue will go back into the general electric fund.”

### Substation

The council unanimously approved a contract change order with Whittaker Construction & Excavating for its Ritchie Road Substation project in an amount of \$110,506.

The substation switchgear experienced a significant delay in delivery due to supply chain and labor challenges due to COVID-19, the city’s agenda packet said. The delay pushed the project completion date from December to April and the contractor is claiming additional charges for winter construction and addition-



Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows also read a proclamation designating April 29, 2022 Arbor Day in the city and presented the proclamation to City Sustainability Coordinator Molly Sedig.

al general conditions to cover the additional four months of construction.

The \$110,506 is 1.2 percent of the total contract amount.

### Auction

The council unanimously approved an ordinance authorizing Bearrows Real Estate & Auction Co. to auction surplus property owned by the city. The auction will take place at 1030 S. 7th St. on Saturday, Sept. 17 and will be performed by Mayor John Bearrows at no cost to the city.

Auction proceeds will

be utilized to fund the purchase of additional holiday décor throughout the community. Items to be sold include: Various office furniture items, 15 round folding tables on wheels, a 1984 Hot-sy pressure washer, a 1989 walk-behind target pavement saw (bad engine), a Bobcat seven-foot straight blade plow, two Bobcat skid loader tires and a 2005 GMC 7500 with Hi-Ranger 5TC-55 bucket.

### Industry

Bearrows read a proclamation designating Sept. 6, 2022 Industry Appreciation Day in the city and presented the proclama-

tion to City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh.

### Arbor Day

Bearrows also read a proclamation designating April 29, 2022 Arbor Day in the city and presented the proclamation to City Sustainability Coordinator Molly Sedig. The proclamation was made due to the city’s efforts to reapply for a Tree City, USA designation.

### Good News

Fiegenschuh read two Good News awards at the meeting. The first went to City Engineer Sam Tesreau and Public Works Director Tim Isley for their work on the 4th Avenue

storm sewer project.

“I was approached by a couple of business owners recently after we had that heavy rain downtown and they complimented the city and said that was the first time in decades that the street wasn’t flooded,” Fiegenschuh said.

The second Good News award was given to the city’s IT department for its recent work on the city’s communications infrastructure.

“We’re very lucky to have the IT staff we have,” Fiegenschuh said. “They’re the best IT staff I’ve ever worked with and they do a great job. I wanted to thank them for all of their hard work.”

## HEAL: Plaque dedication ceremony held Monday

From page 2

Creston Village Attorney Dave Tess worked with Heal for 20 years and called him “an absolute gentleman.”

“I don’t know that the Village of Creston can appreciate the leadership that Bill brought to the community,” Tess said. “He wouldn’t retire until Tom agreed to become the next village president. Bill built the board and he built this community. I’ve practiced

law for 40 years. Over those years, I’ve represented a half a dozen communities of this size. None had this kind of leadership.”

Heal’s daughter, Linda, spoke on behalf of the family at the dedication event. She said two of the things her father cherished the most were community and children.

“He had a hand in improving the community and helping the village move forward,” Linda said. “He served on the Booster

Club and helped that grow. He was proud of the town that rallied around and enjoyed the annual event that drew people to Creston every year. He did a lot of things with water in the village. He served on the village board for more than a quarter of a century. Just like Ted Cederholm mentored him, my dad mentored Tom and passed the gavel on 13 years ago. He was always optimistic about the future of Creston.”

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# SPORTS

## FOURTH AT L-P INVITE

RTHS senior Griffin Ohlinger finishes fourth at LaSalle-Peru Invitational.

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Rochelle Junior Tackle

# Junior Hubs pummel Princeton

Rochelle teams move to 2-0 overall after four-game road sweep over Tigers

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRINCETON** — The Rochelle Junior Tackle football teams continued their hot start to the season on Saturday, winning all four matchups against Princeton after sweeping Sterling to kick off the season. All four teams are now 2-0 and will face DuPec at home on Saturday, Aug. 27.

## 8th Grade

The Junior Hubs won 53-26 over Princeton in an offensive shootout. Dylan Manning started the game off with a bang, returning the opening kickoff 78 yards for a touchdown. Angel Hernandez added a 62-yard touchdown rush later in the first quarter to extend the Rochelle lead. The Junior Hubs forced their first turnover of the game near the end of the first quarter, when Jonathan Andrist intercepted a Princeton pass over the middle and returned the ball 42 yards.

Keegan Cathina's 9-yard touchdown run and Andrist's 5-yard touchdown run capped off a 31-point first quarter for the Junior Hubs. Leading 31-8 in the second quarter, Rochelle found the endzone once again, with Manning finding a hole through the middle and

exploding for a 57-yard touchdown run. Manning scored his third touchdown of the afternoon in the fourth quarter, returning a kick 61 yards to the endzone. Connor Lewis added a 1-yard touchdown run.

Manning totaled 250 all-purpose yards for the Junior Hubs in the win. Hernandez rushed for 62 yards, while Cathina ran for 30 yards and Angel Argueta added 27 rushing yards. Eliud Lombardia rushed for 26 yards and Joshua Lassiter added 21 rushing yards in the victory.

Brody Bruns led the defense with 4.5 tackles including two tackles for loss. Lassiter added four tackles and Argueta finished with three tackles including two tackles for loss in the win.

## 7th Grade

The Junior Hubs remained perfect on the season with a 28-0 win over Princeton. Bo Lundquist kickstarted the Rochelle offense with a 53-yard run in the first quarter. Andrew Eyster scored on a 1-yard touchdown run soon after to give the Junior Hubs their first lead of the game.

Leading 6-0, Rochelle forced a turnover when Cohen Haedt intercepted a Princeton pass and returned the ball 25 yards. Eyster cashed in the turn-



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Dylan Manning takes a carry during the Rochelle Junior Tackle eighth-grade football game against Princeton on Saturday. Rochelle went 4-0 against Princeton over the weekend.

over with a 6-yard touchdown rush. Holden Liebhaber snagged Rochelle's second interception of the game during the second quarter.

The Junior Hubs con-

verted the turnover into points when Caiden Redlarczyk broke loose for a 55-yard touchdown run to help put Rochelle ahead 22-0. Late in the second quarter, Haedt connected

with Liebhaber on a 28-yard pass play to keep the Junior Hub offense moving. Maddox Hueramo then took the ball for a 15-yard touchdown rush to extend the team's lead.

Lundquist led the Junior Hubs with 92 rushing yards on three carries and Hueramo added 32 rushing yards on four carries.

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RTHS Boys Soccer

# Genoa-Kingston outlasts Rochelle in season opener

Sophomores Diaz, Milan score goals as Cogs defeat Hubs 3-2 on Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Sophomore midfielder Luis Milan caught the Genoa-Kingston defense on its heels as the final minutes wound down during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team's season opener against the defending Big Northern Conference champion Cogs on Monday.

With Rochelle trailing 3-1 in the 78th minute, Milan took advantage of a lazy sequence from the Genoa-Kingston defense, winning possession of the ball and blasting a right-footed shot from well beyond the penalty area into the Cog net to bring the Hubs within one goal. But on a hot evening where several players departed with cramps, Genoa-Kingston held off Rochelle's comeback effort, defeating the Hubs 3-2 and handing Rochelle a season-opening loss.

"I'm very pleased with how we moved the ball and I thought our level of conditioning showed," head coach Brad Male said.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior midfielder Jace Whitehead challenges Genoa-Kingston's Diego Espinoza during the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer match against the Cogs on Monday. Genoa-Kingston outlasted Rochelle 3-2 in the team's season-opening match.

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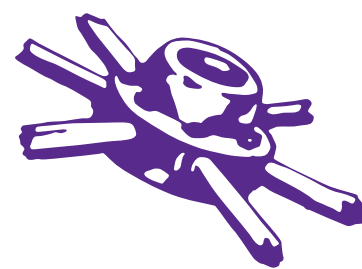
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| 3    | SETH COOPER      | 38    | 41  | 79    |
| 4    | JACOB ARMSTRONG  | 42    | 43  | 85    |
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| 6    | ALEX BILLINGS    | 39    | 38  | 77    |
| 7    | GRiffin OHLINGER | 33    | 42  | 75    |
| 8    | DAMON HARRINGTON | 44    | 42  | 86    |
| 9    | JAN METZGER      | 45    | 42  | 87    |
| 10   | DAVID WANNER     | 45    | 49  | 94    |
| 11   | WADE SMITH       | 50    | 56  | 106   |
| 12   | CALE WORKMAN     | 56    | 61  | 117   |

(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle senior Griffin Ohlinger carded a 3-over-par 75 to finish fourth out of over 70 players in the LaSalle-Peru Invitational at Senica's Oak Ridge on Thursday.

## Ohlinger leads Rochelle at LaSalle-Peru Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**LASALLE** — Griffin Ohlinger had only a few moments to warm up with a brand new putter before teeing off his round in the LaSalle-Peru Invitational at Senica's Oak Ridge on Thursday.

Ohlinger worked through an up-and-down back nine, carding 42 before stringing together a solid drive, approach, chip and putt for a birdie on the second hole of the front nine. It was the first of five birdies Ohlinger recorded over a six-hole stretch, where the Rochelle senior drained putt after putt to finish the front nine with a 3-under-par 33. Ohlinger's hot putting streak allowed him to end the round with a 3-over-par 75, which landed him in fourth place overall for the event.

"My driver was working well off the tee and I was hitting the ball far," Ohlinger said. "After that birdie on the second hole, I got hot with my putter and I was using a brand new putter so I was interested to see how well I would play with it. I struggled with leaving putts high and dry over the back nine, but I made an adjustment on the front and focused on hitting the ball dead center. I know how well I can compete and I hope this round can set me up for the rest of the season."

Ohlinger led the Hubs to a sixth-place finish out of 10 teams with a total score of

342. Senior Damen Harrington carded an 86 from the No. 2 varsity slot and freshman Ian Metzger followed with an 87 from the No. 3 varsity slot. Senior David Wanner added a 94 from the No. 4 slot for the Hubs, who battled through challenging course conditions including some tight fairways.

"I think this course can play pretty tough sometimes," Ohlinger said. "There are trees that can come into play on certain holes if you're not hitting into the center of the fairway. I thought the greens were rolling consistently, which made it easier to adapt with the more holes I played."

Senior Wade Smith and junior Cale Workman rounded out the varsity lineup on Thursday, with Smith shooting 106 and Workman recording 117. Rochelle (0-2, 0-0 Interstate 8) will return home for a nonconference match against DeKalb on Wednesday at Fairways Golf Course. The Hubs are seeking their first victory in a nine-hole match since the 2020 pandemic season.

"I think our team can put together some really good matches for nine-hole rounds as well as some top-3 tournament finishes for 18-hole rounds," Ohlinger said. "I think we're capable of shooting in the 70s and 80s during tournaments and upper 30s to low 40s during nine-hole matches. My biggest goal right now is to set our team up for success in the years to come. I want to be a role model and I want us to do what needs to be done so we can be successful."

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# SPORTS

## RTHS Athletics



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### Rochelle Township High School fall sports teams recognized during Meet the Hubs event

Rochelle Township High School hosted its 2022 Fall Meet the Hubs event this past Friday, with each of the fall sports programs participating in the pep rally held at the Douglas A. Creason Athletic Complex. Pictured above are each of the fall sports programs including football, cheerleading, dance, girls tennis, boys soccer, golf, volleyball and cross country. Senior athletes in the Class of 2023 who are participating in fall sports this season are also pictured above.

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# SPORTS



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team hosted Genoa-Kingston on Monday for the team's first match of the season. At left, senior midfielder Jared Montano takes a corner kick. At right, sophomore Bryan Garcia battles Genoa-Kingston's Julian Lara-Para for possession of the ball.

## SOCCKER: Hubs to face Genoa-Kingston again Friday

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"It wasn't the outcome we wanted but I thought we learned something from today. I've seen our freshmen and sophomores step up during practice and they have a lot of chemistry. I'll be looking for them to continue growing that chemistry as we move forward during

the season. We'll be working more of them into the lineup as well."

The Hubs (0-1, 0-0 Interstate 8) struck first in the nonconference match, with sophomore forward Fernando Diaz cashing in a redirected shot on goal from sophomore forward Alberto Casillas during the 30th minute. Genoa-Kingston managed to

answer before halftime, taking advantage of a breakaway down the near sideline and hitting the equalizer in the 36th minute. Rochelle outshot the Cogs 20-15, but the Hubs were outpaced 11-9 in shots on goal.

"I was pleased with how we maintained possession throughout the match," Male said. "We

weren't able to generate enough shots on those possessions and that's where we have to capitalize. We need to keep our heads in the game because that's where they were able to catch us off guard during the second half. We need to always be aware of where the ball is."

Both teams had quality chances throughout

the second half, but neither team broke through until the 64th minute, when the Cogs moved quickly after a free kick and maneuvered behind the Rochelle defense to convert the go-ahead goal. Genoa-Kingston earned a penalty kick soon after, with a foul in the Rochelle penalty area allowing the Cogs to strike again dur-

ing the 69th minute to extend their lead. Senior Jarret Milan recorded eight saves for the Hubs in the loss.

The Hubs will face Genoa-Kingston again on Friday, when Rochelle begins the Colin Smith Invitational at Stillman Valley High School. The match will be played Friday evening at 4:30 p.m.

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| 15. For technology                 | \$ 4,350.00         |
| 16. For miscellaneous expenses     | \$ 5,000.00         |
| 17. For contingencies              | \$ 5,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>\$138,000.00</b> |

**FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES** [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]:

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Social Security & Medicare | \$ 8,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$ 8,000.00</b> |

**FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.** [745 ILCS 10/9-107]:

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Insurance (including public liability; property damage (fire); workers' compensation; unemployment compensation & treasurer's bond) | \$ 5,500.00         |
| 2. Legal Fees  | \$ 500.00           |
| 3. Risk Management/Loss Control program  | \$ 30,000.00        |
| 4. Contingency   | \$ 4,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 40,000.00</b> |

**FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND:** [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Building Maintenance Costs | \$ 12,000.00        |
| 2. Contingency.               | \$ 1,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$ 13,000.00</b> |

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND** [75 ILCS 16/35-35]:

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. For Working Cash Fund | \$ 55,250.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$ 55,250.00</b> |

**FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND** [75 ILCS 16/40-50]:

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Special Reserve Fund Plan | \$1,000,000.00        |
| 2. Contingency               | \$ 10,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$1,010,000.00</b> |

Section 2:Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Projected cash on hand July 1, 2022        | \$ 16,000.00   |
| Special Reserve Fund                       | \$1,010,000.00 |
| From Working Cash Fund                     | \$ 55,250.00   |
| Self Insurance Reserve Fund                | \$ 2,000.00    |
| Miscellaneous gifts and donations          | \$ 7,000.00    |
| Income of interest                         | \$ 4,700.00    |
| Special purpose grants                     | \$ 5,500.00    |
| Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous   | \$ 4,300.00    |
| Tax for General Corporate Library purposes | \$ 100,500.00  |
| Tax for Social Security purposes           | \$ 8,000.00    |
| Tax for Liability and Insurance            | \$ 38,000.00   |
| Tax for Maintenance purposes               | \$ 13,000.00   |
| Expected cash on hand June 30, 2023        | \$ 0           |

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Creston-Dement Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Creston-Dement Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 16th day of August, 2021.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CRESTON-DEMENT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By: *Ang K. Kump*  
Its President

ATTEST:  
*Mary Kouta*  
Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OGLE COUNTY

IN RE )Case  
THE )No.  
MARRIAGE)2022  
OF: )DN  
MARYA. )31  
SIMSHAUSER, )  
Petitioners, )  
vs. )  
MARK L. )  
SIMSHAUSER, )  
Respondents.)  
COUNTY )  
OF OGLE )  
PUBUCATION NOTICE  
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, MARK L. SIMSHAUSER, Respondent, in the above-entitled action, that this action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Ogle County by the Petitioner against you

praying for a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief.  
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, MARK L. SIMSHAUSER, the Respondent, file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise make your appearance, in the Circuit Court of Ogle County, held in the Courthouse in the City of Oregon, Illinois, on or before September 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition.

DATED this 9TH day of 2022  
Kimberly A. Stahl,  
Circuit Clerk  
No. 0821 (Aug. 17)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on August 18, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Ogle County Clerk's Office setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Redington Solutions, 1020 Ave. B, Rochelle, IL.  
Dated: August 18, 2022  
Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk  
No. 0832 (Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 7)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Eswood Community Consolidated School District No. 269 in the counties of Ogle and DeKalb, State of Illinois, that a public hearing regarding the 2022-2023 school district budget will be held at 5:45 p.m. on the 26st day of September, 2022, at Eswood Elementary School, Lindenwood, Illinois, 61049. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection in the school district offices located at 304 N. Main Street, Lindenwood, Illinois from August 15th, 2022 through September 26th, 2022, during regular business hours. No. 0834 (Aug. 24)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Creston, Illinois, that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning commission of the Village of Creston upon the application for variances relating to the property located at 501 W. Cederholm St. (Parcel ID 25-23-201-006)  
The public hearing is

being held to address the following:  
Curt & Angie Ward - Application requesting 3 variances on a building they intend to build on property located at 501 West Cederholm Street.  
1) A variance for building size. Proposed size is for 1,792 Sq Ft up to a Maximum of 2,040 Sq Ft.  
2) A variance for height of the building. Proposed height is 20+ Ft, not to exceed existing structures on said property.  
3) A variance for separation of existing building. Applicant is requesting that the 10 Ft spacing be reduced to 6 Ft via the use of fiber cement siding on existing building.  
A public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on the request will be held at 7:00 PM on September 8th, at the Village of Creston Hall, 110 N. Main St. at which time and place any person wanting to be heard may be present.  
Legal Description of the property is as follows: Lot 4 and the West 10 feet of Lot 5 in COLWILL ADDITION to the Village of Creston, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Book J of Plats, page 28 in the Recorder's Office in Ogle County, Illinois.  
VILLAGE OF CRESTON PLANNING COMMISSION  
110 N. Main St. - PO Box 36  
Creston, Illinois 60113  
815-384-4140  
(No. 0835 (Aug. 24)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Availability of Audit Report

of Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District  
Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 has been made, and that a report of such audit dated August 4, 2022 has been filed with the County Clerks of Ogle County and Lee County, in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/01 et. seq. The full report of the audit is available for public inspection at 401 5th Avenue Rochelle, IL 61068. Please contact David Sawlsville, District Fire Chief, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at (815) 561-2070 or e-mail him at dsawlsville@rochelleil.us.  
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# SPORTS

**RTHS Athletics**

(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)



## Hub Power & RTHS Cross Country awards presented during Meet the Hubs event

Four Rochelle Township High School student-athletes were recognized during the 2022 Fall Meet the Hubs event this past Friday. Trey Taft and Torrin Nantz (left) were presented with the 2022 Hub Power Weightlifter of the Year Awards. Thomas Koziol and Luis Hernandez (right) received the Summer Running Champion Awards.

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# SPORTS



(PHOTOS BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

The Rochelle Junior Tackle football program won all four of its games against Princeton on Saturday. At left, sixth-grader Riley Smith lunges toward the end zone through a pair of defenders. At right, seventh-grader AJ Milan runs with the ball. Rochelle will face DuPec on Saturday, Aug. 27.

## RJT: Junior Hubs win four games against Princeton

From page 1

Miguel Carrillo totaled a team-leading three tackles while four players including Eyster, Aidan Lopez, Levi McGee and Tyson Carmichael had two tackles.

### 6th Grade

Rochelle rolled over Princeton 30-6 in the sixth-grade matchup. Braxton Bruns ignited the offense with a 24-yard rush during

the first quarter, where Joey Chadwick followed with a 6-yard touchdown rush to put the Junior Hubs on the scoreboard. Chadwick and Bruns continued to find open space in the second quarter, where Chadwick broke off a 24-yard run and set up a 28-yard touchdown run from Bruns that gave the Junior Hubs a 16-0 lead at halftime.

Bruns added a 23-yard run and a fumble recovery

during the third quarter to keep the Junior Hubs ahead of the Tigers. Mikey Chadwick turned the turn-over into points soon after, scoring on a 34-yard touchdown rush.

Kayl True chipped in a 14-yard rush in the fourth quarter, where Nolan Zick iced the Rochelle win with a 54-yard touchdown run. Bruns finished with 91 rushing yards on six carries, while Mikey Chadwick had

56 rushing yards and Zick totaled 61.

Bruns led the defense with seven tackles and Vinny Tornabene added four tackles including two tackles for loss. Riley Smith recorded three tackles and Joey Chadwick had 44 rushing yards.

### 5th Grade

Rochelle earned a hard-fought win over Princeton 8-0. The Junior Hubs found

their lone score of the game in the second quarter, where Maddex Jackson launched a 34-yard touchdown pass to Korbin Milos before Kamden Kessen added the 2-point conversion.

Milos finished with 26 rushing yards on six carries including an 11-yard carry in the second quarter, while Quentin Ansteth added 21 rushing yards on seven carries with a long carry of 11 yards. Kessen rushed four

times for 15 yards with a long carry of 11 yards in the win.

Vaughn Manning led the defense with 4.5 tackles, while Kessen and Eli Underwood each finished with three tackles in the game. Milos added two tackles and Ansteth recorded 1.5 tackles.

Rochelle holds a combined 8-0 record over the first two weeks of the season.

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