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## Summer school concludes

### Presentation made on RTHS Ag/FFA programs

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE**—At its monthly meeting Monday, the Rochelle Township High School Board of Education heard RTHS Principal Chris Lewis's monthly report on current happenings at the school.

Lewis said summer school recently finished on July 14 and students passed a total of 338 classes. 69 of those were credit recovery for students who have failed a course and needed to retake it. 269 of those classes were students trying to "get ahead" on class credits. Lewis said that the number of students that need credit recovery has come down since the pandemic.

Eighty eight percent of RTHS students have registered for the fall semester, Lewis said. RTHS will have seven new teachers this fall including Anna Adolph (English), Anna Birsa (Spanish), Anna Criswell (science), Rachel Plock (math), Max Basler (special education), Justin Otte (science) and Keaton Shumard (band). New teacher orientation day will be held



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Monday, Aug. 8.

### Ag/FFA

RTHS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor Donna Page made a presentation to the board on the status of her programs.

Page thanked the board for its support of ag and FFA and said for the past few years there have been two ag teachers after only having one before. Deanna Jacobs, the program's other teacher, will

be taking over some of the school's technology classes this fall and they will be blended into ag technology classes, Page said.

Last year, just under 100 students took classes in the ag department. RTHS's FFA extracurricular program had about 40 active members, which was "down slightly" from a normal year.

"On the FFA side, it was a very unusual year

with COVID-19 and the kids came back," Page said. "But last year across the board in the state, it was a rebuilding year for FFA. We went from doing everything and having competitive teams and having legacies and year-after-year success to having students who didn't necessarily want to do the things anymore or know why we do them."

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## 'Students have someone who they trust'

### RPD's Jakymiw serves as SRO for elementary school district

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
MANAGING EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — Officer Jim Jakymiw has been with the Rochelle Police Department for 15 years. Since October 2018, he's been the school resource officer (SRO) for the Rochelle Elementary School District.

As the district's SRO, Jakymiw is responsible for Rochelle Middle School, Lincoln School, Tilton School and Central School.

"An SRO is more than just a cop in the school," Jakymiw said. "I am a law enforcement officer, a teacher and an informal counselor. I help resolve any law enforcement or safety issues at the school. I provide school safety training for staff and students, along with other informational talks. I am also someone who can sit with a student when they are having a rough day, listen to them and try to help them have a better rest of the day."

When Jakymiw was younger and in the Cub Scouts, a local K-9 officer came and spoke to his



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troop about being a police officer. That officer made him realize that he wanted to get into law enforcement, even at a young age.

Jakymiw went to Western Illinois University and received a bachelor's

degree in law enforcement and justice administration. He received SRO training through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) along with annual training at the NASRO Conference

which has multiple speakers, classes and networking with SROs from across the country. Jakymiw is also an ALICE instructor, which is a critical incident response protocol that is taught to school staff and students.

Jakymiw and his wife, Sarah, have three children and enjoy doing anything as a family from board games to traveling and creating memories.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Northern Illinois University eSports program offering scholarships

**DEKALB** — For the first time, any Northern Illinois University student gamer can apply for a scholarship in fall 2022, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Levi Harrison. Known as “the esports doctor,”

Dr. Harrison is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in the treatment of hand, arm and shoulder injuries. He’s also an avid video game player, mental health advocate and the creator of both the Try-Angle hand fitness device and Fierce Gamer — an app which provides exercises, meditations, healthy eating advice and other information to promote

gamers’ physical and mental well-being.

Dr. Harrison is providing one \$1,000 esports scholarship in the first year, while adding an additional scholarship each year for the next five years. At least 100 NIU students will also beta test the Fierce Gamer app and use the Try-Angle for hand conditioning exercises, contributing to the NIU Esports mission to create a healthy and inclusive video gaming community.

“We’re so grateful for Dr. Harrison’s support,” says Jeannine East, director of strategic initiatives in the NIU Division of Outreach, Engagement

and Regional Development, which is the home of NIU Esports. “Our Esports program has grown from a small off-campus club to a multifaceted organization with an academic minor, a student club, a Gaming for All group, competitive varsity teams and a state-of-the-art esports arena. Student scholarships offer a chance to promote the positive aspects of gaming while continuing to welcome all students, from all backgrounds and with all levels of gaming experience.”

It was important to Dr. Harrison to keep the Fierce Gamer scholarships open to all NIU

students — not just varsity athletes — as a way to increase the inclusiveness of the esports community and combat negative stereotypes about video gamers.

“This scholarship is important because I look at the global esports and gaming community as a disenfranchised part of society, so it’s a way of increasing the inclusion of our community,” Dr. Harrison said. “People often think that we gamers are alone in our rooms playing games, but we’re really not alone. We’re actually embracing a global, international community. Often, we’re playing with people from

different countries. They don’t even speak our language, but they speak the language of gaming, and the language of gaming is about inclusivity, about accepting people for who they are without any judgment about their race, their creed, their gender, their gender identity.”

Dr. Harrison, who lives and works in Los Angeles, first connected with NIU Esports when he spoke as part of the NIU Esports career lecture series in 2021.

To learn more about NIU Esports, to receive information about the beta testing project, and to be alerted when the



**Dr. Levi Harrison**

scholarship application opens, visit the NIU Esports website.

Learn more information about Dr. Levi Harrison at [drleviharrison.com](https://drleviharrison.com), and learn more about the Try-Angle at <https://www.mytryangle.com>.



### Visitors receive key to the city

While visiting cousins Bill and Sue Paulin on a recent trip to Rochelle, Ron and Maryann Brunn (of Morden, Manitoba, Canada) visited Rochelle City Hall with City Councilman Tom McDermott and received a key to the city.

## Utility billing updates for RMU customers

**ROCHELLE** — The City of Rochelle recently announced several updates to the utility billing code to better serve its customers.

Rochelle Municipal Utilities Customers will no longer be required to place a deposit for utility services, but instead a non-refundable \$60 activation fee will be required for any new customer that has not had RMU utility service in the prior 12 months. All customers with deposits currently in place will receive an account credit within the coming weeks.

Also new is landlord

notification of a utility shut-off. Since a lien may be placed on a property with a utility shut-off, landlords will be notified of a utility shut-off taking place at their property. This does not happen when a payment is simply late, but only when a shut-off occurs.

An update to late fees and reconnection fees also took place. Late fees, which were previously waived due to the pandemic, will be reinstated as of Sept. 1. Administrative fees for all customers will be charged at 7 a.m. on



the day of disconnection if the bill is not paid in full or payment arrangements have not been made by that time. The administrative fee for commercial and industrial customers is \$250 and \$50 for residential customers. Returned checks will result in a \$35 fee.

## Hammer among UW-La Crosse grads

**LA CROSSE, Wis.** — Andrew Hammer of Rochelle (bachelor of science, general studies major) recently was

among the students that completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

The 112th Annual Spring Commencement was held at the La Crosse Center on Sunday, May 15.

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## PARK: Ohlinger provides update on several projects

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The company has also requested the use of Helms Stadium for filming that same week and a portion of The REC Center to serve dinner to its staff from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next day. The shoot would be over three days.

Ohlinger said that the lights at Helms Stadium will be on for a portion of the night they film there and filming plans include for a police car to come onto the property with sirens on.

“They have insurance,” Ohlinger said. “I don’t think they’re filming anywhere else in town. The city said they would not approve a temporary pause on their noise ordinance.

If someone did call and complain and ask that the shoot be stopped, the police would have to do that. The filming company said they would notify people in the neighborhood about their plans.”

Ohlinger was told by the filming company that park district staff used to help with the work would be compensated and the district will also be paid for its loss in revenue while Spring Lake Pool has to be closed Aug. 2. The company would also have to pay the park district’s special use permit fee.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

During her director comments portion of the meeting, Executive Director Jackee Ohlinger updated the board on a number of projects. Ohlinger also said Spring Lake Pool has seen numbers go up from last year and the facility is doing “really well.”

“I think it’s a great opportunity for Rochelle to have another fun showing in a movie,” Ohlinger said. “I don’t want to make anyone upset in that area in the middle of the night. I’m not sure how it will work out at The REC with staffing and having an overnight person here.”

Park board members did not take a vote on the issue after discussion and opted to leave decisions regarding the filming up to Ohlinger.

**Ohlinger**  
During her director

comments portion of the meeting, Ohlinger updated the board on a number of projects. Staff recently finalized its materials list for the new decking project at Spring Lake Marina and hopes to have it installed late fall by maintenance staff.

The park district is working to open up the disc golf course at Skare Park to make it play better. Trees and plants are being trimmed and work has been ongoing on the project.

Ohlinger said requests for proposals are being

put together for new shelters at VFW Park and Cooper Park. She said she hopes to get those out for public bid and to get the project completed later this year.

Park maintenance staff have been busy as of late cleaning up the parks and “a lot” of vandalism has been seen in the past month, Ohlinger said.

“I would encourage the community if they see something out of the ordinary or out of place, to always contact the police non-emergency number or the park district

office to report any type of damage or vandalism,” Ohlinger said.

### Spring Lake Pool

Ohlinger said Spring Lake Pool has seen numbers go up from last year and the facility is doing “really well.” Season passes to the pool have continued to “be consistent” even with the inclusion of Spring Lake use in all-inclusive passes to The REC Center.

“Our lifeguards and staff are doing a great job

down there,” Ohlinger said. “Last year we had numbers at this time of 4,500-4,600 and we’re close to the 5,000 mark at this point in this year’s attendance. I’m hoping this week will have some big numbers.”

The last day at Spring Lake for the year is Sunday, Aug. 7.

### Budget

The board held a public hearing on and unanimously approved its fiscal year 2022-2023 cumulative budget and appropriation in final form.

## State Police issuing firearm enforcement grants

**SPRINGFIELD**—The Illinois State Police (ISP) is issuing \$2 million in grants to local law enforcement agencies interested in a collaborative effort to reduce and prevent illegal possession and use of firearms, firearm related homicides and other violent crimes.

Funding for these grants is possible through legislation Governor JB Pritzker signed into law providing for specific firearms enforcement funding.

“In the past two years,

we’ve intercepted countless firearms off of our streets,” Pritzker said. “Even so, we are facing a gun violence epidemic. That means we must utilize every resource at our disposal to prevent the illegal possession and use of firearms before tragedy strikes our communities. With this funding, law enforcement will be equipped with the resources to reduce gun violence and keep Illinoisans safe.”

From 2020 through the end of April 2022,

ISP stopped more than 88,000 unlawful attempts to obtain a firearm through firearm eligibility and compliance checks.

“ISP is now engaged in a firearms enforcement blitz across the state to keep deadly weapons out of the hands of those posing a clear and present danger to themselves or others,” ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly said. “With grant funding available to local agencies for firearms enforcement, we can have a greater

impact on reducing gun violence and protecting our communities.”

Any law enforcement agency that conducts firearm enforcement operations can become a member of the Violent

Crime Intelligence Task Force and is eligible to receive grants from the State Police Revocation Enforcement Fund. This state funding will help agencies conduct enforcement operations against

individuals whose Firearm Owner Identification Card have been revoked or suspended as a result of being prohibited by law.

Grant applications will be available from July 1-31.

## Affordable health screenings coming to Rochelle Aug. 2

**ROCHELLE** – Residents living in and around the Rochelle area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Calvary Lighthouse Church will host this community event on Aug. 2. The site is located at 14409 E. Hem-

stock Road in Rochelle.

Screenings can check for: the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health, HDL and LDL cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis, kidney and thyroid function and more.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Obituaries

### Nona Sue Onley

**PFLUGERVILLE, Texas** — Nona Sue Onley, 73, of Pflugerville, Texas passed away June 28. Nona was born on June 20, 1949, in Rockford to Kenneth and Elaine (Poliska) Peters. A few years after graduating high school, she moved to California and lived there for 30+ years. Later in life, she moved back to Rockford and lived with her mother, Elaine, and had a great group of friends in the Rockford area. She eventually settled in Pflugerville, Texas in 2011 and has enjoyed 10+ years of fun gatherings and line dancing! She adopted the neighborhood kids as her own and created some wonderful and lasting friendships with neighbors and her dancing crew. She enjoyed throwing parties, baking decorative cakes and was always one

you could count on for a laugh or a great story about yaks or geckos. Survivors include brother, Joel (Julie) Peters of Port Byron; aunt, Norma Peters of Rochelle; nephews: Dean (Patty) Erwin of Wentzville, Missouri, Daniel (Debbie) Erwin of Rockford, Nicholas (Ashley) Peters of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Douglas (Megan) Peters of Boulder, Colorado; niece, Kiley (Chris) Gilbert of Stoughton, Wisconsin; great nephews and nieces: Breanna (Michael) Cohen, Joshua Erwin, Dillon Erwin, Ian Erwin, Sydney Erwin; several great-great nephews and tons of loving friends in Rockford and Pflugerville. She is predeceased by parents, Kenneth and Elaine (Poliska) Peters and sister, Patricia (Peters)



Fosberg. Memorial visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, July 22 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home at 400 N. 6th St. in Rochelle. The memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. with Pastor Robert Rub officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Lindenwood at a later date. The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

### Mary Ellen Hutson

**McFARLAND, Wis./ ROCHELLE** — Mary Ellen Hutson, 87, of McFarland, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 17 with her loving family by her side at UW Hospital. She was born on Oct. 1, 1934, in Rochelle, the daughter of Elmer and Alice "Doll" (Luxton) Gittleston. Mary grew up on the farm and often shared fond memories of her childhood. Mary graduated in 1953 from Steward High School. Out of high school, Mary worked for Wendling Motors in Rochelle. It was here that she met the love of her life, Lee Hutson. They were married on May 19, 1956, in Creston and shared 65 years together. Mary retired after many years as an administrative assistant for Ruan Transportation in McFarland. For Mary, her family was everything! She enjoyed getting together and sharing meals with her family. Music played a big part in her life. As

a child, she took piano lessons and would play for her family. Later in life, Mary would travel all over Northern Illinois with her husband and his band, The Swingaways. Once retired, she liked to play the organ at home, mostly by ear. She was also a talented seamstress and was everyone's go-to when they needed something mended. Mary's love of animals started young with her life on the farm. She was especially fond of her dogs, Jack and Tippy, and her kitten, Pooper. Mary is survived by two sons, Jeff (Sharol) Hutson and Tim (Diane) Hutson; two daughters, Jill (Jeff) Morris and Debra (Kevin) Kampmeier; four granddaughters, Amy Hutson, Macy Kampmeier, Kalee Hutson and Abby Hutson; four grandsons, Coady (Cristi) Hutson, Tanner Hutson, Zach Hutson and Austin Morris; and two sisters, Elsie (Ron) Macklin and Annie Kay Hutcheson. She was preceded in

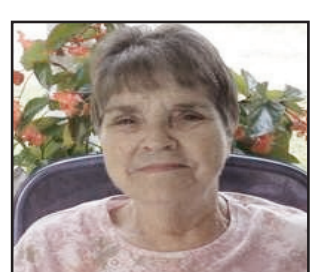


death by her husband of 65 years, Lee Hutson; infant, daughter, Patricia Lynn Hutson; brother, Allen Dale Gittleston; father, Elmer Gittleston and mother, Alice Gittleston. Visitation will be held at Gunderson East Funeral and Cremation Care, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisconsin from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 24 with a time of sharing remembrances at 4 p.m. The family invites you to come with your favorite memory of Mary to share or to write it on the Gunderson Tribute Wall so it can be shared with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your local animal shelter. Online condolences may be made at [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com).

### Violet L. Hall

**ROCHELLE** — Violet L. Hall, 91, of Rochelle, passed away Saturday, July 16 at Manor Court of Rochelle. She was born July 21, 1930, in Oregon, the daughter of Henry and Olive (Smice) Reed. She married Richard C. Hall on Dec. 27, 1958, at the Oregon Church of God. Violet was the youngest of 11 children. She spent most of her life raising her family and helping her husband tend to the farm. After her children had grown, she did seasonal work for Del Monte Cannery Plant #109 as well as the seed plant. She then worked as

a cashier at Wal-Mart until her retirement, where she earned the star cashier award. She could always be found attending the numerous activities of her children and grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and baker. Violet is survived by six children, Richard (Rosemary) Hall Jr., Sarah (Randy Dummer) Hall, Sally (Randy) Butler, Roland Hall, Shelia (Jesse) Hoiness and Randy (Vicki) Hall; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Violet is preceded in death by her husband; a

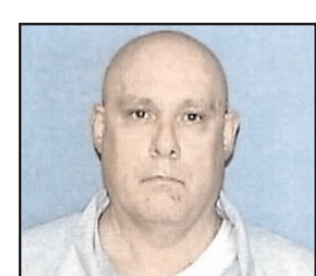


daughter, Susan Hall; four brothers; and six sisters. The family would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Unity Hospice and Liberty Village for the care they provided to Violet. A graveside funeral service will be take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 22 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Contributions in Violet's name may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established. Please visit [www.ungerhorner.com](http://www.ungerhorner.com) to sign the online guest book.

## Man sentenced to 18 years for sexual assault of a child

**OREGON** — Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced Thursday that Vincent R. Swope, 52, of Rochelle, was sentenced to 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge John B. Roe for the offense of predatory criminal sexual assault of child. In 2018, the Rochelle

Police Department investigated a sexual assault complaint made by a minor female victim during 2011 through 2012. The case was reviewed by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized. Predatory criminal sexual assault is a class X felony with a sentencing range of 6-60 years in the



**Vincent R. Swope** Illinois Department of Corrections. The sentence is served at 85 percent.

## Officers issue several arrests

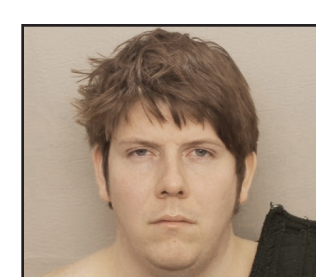
**ROCHELLE** — On July 7 at 4:48 p.m. Joseph R. Braden, 48 of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license revoked and cited for failure to reduce speed. He was released on an I-Bond and given an Aug. 5 Rochelle court date. On July 13 at 3:07 a.m. Cole J. Ramos, 35, of Rochelle was arrested for violation of order of protection and transferred. On July 13 at 4:56 p.m. Kristie L. Littlejohn, 27, of Malta was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. She paid \$225 and was released. On July 13 at 7:05 p.m. Judith Dickinson, 75, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred. On July 14 at 11:20 a.m. Renee A. Thornhill, 33, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred. On July 14 at 3 p.m. Kichaundra C. Carradine,

was arrested for driving while license revoked and cited for failure to reduce speed. He was released on an I-Bond and given an Aug. 5 Rochelle court date. On July 13 at 3:07 a.m. Cole J. Ramos, 35, of Rochelle was arrested for violation of order of protection and transferred. On July 13 at 4:56 p.m. Kristie L. Littlejohn, 27, of Malta was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. She paid \$225 and was released. On July 13 at 7:05 p.m. Judith Dickinson, 75, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred. On July 14 at 11:20 a.m. Renee A. Thornhill, 33, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred. On July 14 at 3 p.m. Kichaundra C. Carradine,

25, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released on an I-Bond and given an Aug. 19 Rochelle court date. On July 14 at 5:37 p.m. Geoffrey Carter, 39, of Rochelle was cited for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Sept. 2 Rochelle court date. On July 16 at 11:20 p.m. Crystal L. Crow, 22, of Deer Grove was arrested for driving while license revoked and cited for no insurance. She was released on an I-Bond and given an Aug. 19 Rochelle court date. On July 17 at 10:12 p.m. Rashawn T. Watkins, 18, of DeKalb was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Aug. 19 Rochelle court date.

## Polo man sentenced for aggravated criminal sexual abuse

**OREGON** — Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced July 13 that John P. Ennenga III, 26, of Polo, was sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge John C. Redington for aggravated criminal sexual abuse. In February 2022, the Polo Police Department investigated sexual exploitation of a minor and sexual abuse complaints made by a minor female victim and her family. During the investigation, the defendant was developed as a suspect. The case was reviewed by



**John P. Ennenga III** the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office and charges were authorized. Aggravated criminal sexual abuse is a class two felony with a sentencing range of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by two years of mandatory supervised release.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## RTHS: High school board approves personnel changes

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Rochelle ag students participated in 14 career or leadership development events and completed multiple community service activities last year, Page said. She said her desire is to increase FFA participation and the program's presence in the district's elementary schools.

"We think that's a viable goal and it's vital for our students to take part in FFA," Page said.

### Handbook

The board unanimously approved changes and updates to the RTHS student handbook.

At the board's June meeting, RTHS Dean of Students Brett Zick presented changes/updates to the handbook and changes were previously discussed in a survey with parents, with the Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee and with the school's attorney.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The RTHS board unanimously approved personnel changes and heard an update on its 2022-23 tentative budget that is currently in the process of being prepared for public hearing and approval.

### Personnel

The board unanimously approved personnel changes including the resignations of Shaun Schaefer (band director and marching band director) and Onessa Hueramo (shared district business

administrative assistant) and the hirings of Keaton Shumard (band director and marching band director) and Haleigh Nelson (head dance coach).

### Budget

The board heard an

update on its 2022-2023 tentative budget that is currently in the process of being prepared for public hearing and approval. District Business Manager Kevin Dale said he's working to get exact numbers nailed down and asked the

board to reach out to him with any questions.

A tentative 2022-2023 budget is now on display in the district office and must be for 30 days prior to official hearing and adoption. A budget workshop will be held Monday, Aug. 15

at 5:15 p.m. in the RTHS Boardroom. There will be a public hearing on the budget on Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:20 p.m. in the RTHS Boardroom and voting on the budget adoption will take place at the board's regular Sept. 19 meeting.

## Illinois 4-H livestock judging contest held June 20

URBANA — Illinois 4-H members headed to the showing for the 2022 State Livestock Judging Contest held at the University of Illinois campus on June 20. Instead of leading animals, these young members were acting as judges, evaluating groupings of cattle, hogs and sheep against a standard for breed characteristics, physical conformation and structure, and gain efficiency.

"The contest teaches evaluation skills the livestock stewards can take back to their own herds to improve efficiency and performance," says Dan

Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H animal science educator.

While the focus of the program is livestock, youth learn and develop many different skills throughout the program.

"It's a great way to get more involved in the livestock industry and learn more about the livestock that you might be showing or just involved with," says participant Conley Shick of Dewitt County. "It's also a great way to get out and meet new people and have new opportunities."

Team coaches help teach technical judging skills,

and positive youth development is also a continued focus during the year-round preparation.

"Throughout the year I have pigs, raise pigs, and show pigs. So, we do a lot with them, and I am around livestock a lot and practicing with them," says participant Lane Beyers of Ford County. "Just getting myself ready for contests and we have practices throughout the judging season as well to prepare."

For any youth considering getting into livestock judging events or new to the field, participant Morgan Richardson of Boone

County offers this advice. "Go for it. As long as you have been involved in the livestock industry or maybe been to shows, or even if you haven't gone to any shows I think it's a really great opportunity and the people you meet is well worth it."

Members of the State 4-H livestock team will advance to national competition at the North American International Livestock Expo in November. Members of that team will be selected in additional tryouts this summer.

The local results of the 2022 Illinois 4-H Livestock



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Illinois 4-H members headed to the showing for the 2022 State Livestock Judging Contest held at the University of Illinois campus on June 20.

Judging Contest include:

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individuals: Kade Boatman, Ogle County, third place; Kendall Boatman, Ogle County, seventh place.

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# LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

## The history of the post office in Rochelle

IN 1848 Hiram Spaulding, Alba Hall, Amos Story, David Stiles, Jerry Barber, Caleb Boyce and several of their friends headed west from New York.

They settled in the wild lands of Illinois. A small creek and a beautiful grove of Hickory trees enticed the travelers to homestead. They named their settlement Hickory Grove. It was 1849 when President Zachary Taylor appointed Alba Hall to the position of postmaster for the area.

The first post office was located in the home of Amos Story next to the creek. Alba Hall, David Stiles and Jerry Barber bought a small parcel of land about a mile north of the downtown in 1850. The

land was located east of today's Illinois Route 251 and south of Kyte Creek. The location was selected because the Frick and Walker stage coach route from Rockford had a depot there. The post office was moved with the postmaster.

Franklin Pierce became president and appointed David Stiles as postmaster in 1853. David moved the post office back to town and into the Gardner Building at 301 Lincoln Highway. The town had changed its name from Hickory Grove to Lane Station. Dr. Lane was an honored physician and real estate promoter.

The post office moved again in 1854 to 418 Cherry Ave. New national elections brought new political appointments.

James Buchanan became president and Jerry Barber was appointed postmaster in 1857. President Abraham Lincoln appointed Caleb Boyce in 1861 and in 1865 Lane was renamed to today's Rochelle.

President Ulysses Grant, in 1869, appointed John Hoteling to the position of postmaster. John moved the post office to 300 Lincoln Highway. John became ill and the position of postmaster was passed to Henry Glenn.

Grover Cleveland was elected to the presidency and appointed W.J. Furlong to postmaster in 1884. For a short while, the post office

remained on Cherry Avenue. Benjamin Harrison appointed A.W. Hartong in 1888 and kept the post office on Cherry. It was in 1892 when postmaster A.B. Pool moved the post office to 306 Lincoln Highway.

President William McKinney appointed George Dicus to the postmaster position in 1896, and George moved the post office to his place of employment on the corner of Lincoln Highway and Lincoln Avenue. Today, the Standard gas station occupies the location.

The postal service covered the town of Rochelle and three rural routes.

There were three mail carriers and they covered the fifty-four-mile route twice a week. By 1930 there were four rural routes and 148 miles to be covered and these routes were completed daily.

President Woodrow Wilson came into office and another postmaster was replaced. John Coleman became postmaster in 1912 and served only a short while before he passed away and the position was moved to John Kahler. The post office itself was moved to 413 4th Ave.

To make it easier to follow the travels of the post office, I have used current addresses. Some of the buildings no longer exist, the addresses used are as close to the original

location I am able to find. The point though, is that the post office at times seemed to move faster than the mail.

Land at 4th Avenue and Lincoln Highway was purchased in 1909 from Ms. Laura Gardner for around \$7,000. It was in 1914 that the current post office was built on the corner with a price tag of \$55,000. A commitment was made to establishing a permanent government facility in Rochelle.

For more than 100 years the post office has remained at the same location and hopefully will stay for 100 more.

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



Tom McDermott

## What exactly does horse meat taste like?

“IF you eat horsemeat, Daddy, I’m going to throw-up right in front of you.”

So decreed my 14-year-old daughter this month as we sat across from one another in a restaurant in Iceland.

I’d never tasted horseflesh before. But over the years I’ve written quite a bit about the debate in the Illinois General Assembly on whether to outlaw horse slaughter. Fifteen years ago, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the legislation ending the practice.

I’ve long been curious: “What exactly does horsemeat taste like?”

I grew up on a hog farm. My father was a farmer and a livestock veterinarian. And I showed cattle at fairs, knowing that eventually they would end up on someone’s dinner plate. And mind you, those calves were companions. They came when they were called, loved to be petted and were taught to walk beside me better than any dog I’ve ever taken on a leash.

I can remember eating steaks at the dinner table

with my folks and my dad would ask for the platter of meat by saying, “Pass Charlie over here, would you please?” Yep, our food had names.

When you are a farmer, you live close to what you eat.

The waitress who stood over me in the Icelandic restaurant cooed, “You have to try horse, sir. It is three times more tender than beef and it tastes so good.”

At this point, my three daughters were eyeing me suspiciously. And my wife and sister-in-law wouldn’t make eye contact. I picked up the menu and pointed to an item on the menu and gave the server a nod. She smirked.

“What did you order, Daddy?”

“I ordered a tenderloin.”

When covering the Illinois horse slaughter debate, I was perplexed. At the time, state Rep. Bob Molaro said horses should be protected because they are beautiful. (So are deer but you’ll find plenty of venison in area freezers.)

For that matter, sheep look adorable, but I enjoy

lamb chops.

With the swipe of Blagojevich’s pen in 2007, 40 people at the DeKalb slaughterhouse lost their jobs and the market for old or otherwise unwanted horses dried up in the Prairie State. Unfortunately, many horses suffered in the wake of the passage of this law.

Owners quit paying their stable rent, leaving stable owners with the unwanted animals. Irresponsible farmers allowed unwanted horses to wander away.

Shortly after the law passed, River-ton farmer Randy Krone adopted an elderly horse found wandering in Sangamon County. The owner said he didn’t want it anymore.

“Of course, the responsible thing to do if you are horse owner is to make sure the animal is put down humanely. But not everyone is responsible. When the slaughter plant closed in Illinois an affordable option was eliminated. Some people just allowed their horse

to wander away. There were reports of people letting horses loose in Shawnee National Forest.”

For a veterinarian to euthanize a horse, the cost is about \$175, an Illinois equine practitioner said. And then it can cost an additional \$200 for a backhoe operator to bury the carcass. If cremation services are sought it can cost another \$400.

Even a few years ago, when the United States had three horse slaughterhouses (one in Illinois and two in Texas) none of the meat was for domestic human consumption.

Some was used for dog food and the remainder was exported to Europe and Japan where horsemeat is routinely eaten.

When legislation forced those plants to close, more American horses were shipped to Mexico and Canada for slaughter.

The Illinois law is an example of legislation grounded not in public policy but in sentiment.



Scott Reeder

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#### Question:

“July 17 was National Ice Cream Day. What is your favorite spot to get ice cream and what is your favorite flavor?”

“Dairy Queen and vanilla.”

- Cindy Foster Knight

“Scoops and almost any of the Dole whip flavors.”

- John Elliott

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# LOCAL NEWS

## JAKYMIW: Officer reflects on time as SRO in Rochelle

From page 1

As an SRO, what Jakymiw enjoys most about his job is making positive connections and building relationships with students and staff and being a bridge between the police department and the community.

"I like meeting students that have never talked to or met a police officer," Jakymiw said. "First impressions stick with you, and because of that I strive to make any interaction with me a positive one. I like that I am able to help students with smaller life problems during our daily interactions, and because of that, when a bigger problem

comes up, they have someone who they trust that they can come to."

Jakymiw said he wants the community to know that school safety is the top priority for himself, RPD and the school district. Parents and the community can help with that too, he said.

"We are doing and will do everything to keep our students and staff as safe as possible, but we can't do it alone," Jakymiw said. "School safety starts with you. Talk with your kids about what's going on and help answer their questions. Let them know if they see, or if you see, anything on social media, overhear someone talking or someone tells them

anything that would risk the safety of the school, please report it to RPD right away."

The elementary district's SRO said he's a firm believer in second chances. He's enjoyed seeing students learn from their mistakes in his time at Rochelle's schools.

"I remember a student that made a bad choice, but after some conversations with him and his parents, when that same choice came up again he learned from his past mistake and made a better choice," Jakymiw said. "Seeing kids stumble but then get back up, learn from it and make themselves better from it will never get old to me."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

As the district's SRO, Jim Jakymiw is responsible for Rochelle Middle School, Lincoln School, Tilton School and Central School.

## Jonny Lyons and the Pride coming to Mt. Morris bandshell

MT. MORRIS — The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the debut performance of Jonny Lyons and the Pride on the bandshell stage for a free concert on Friday, July 22 from 7-9 p.m.

Jonny knows how to command an audience, whether he's fronting his band Jonny Lyons & the Pride, taking the stage as The Man In Black or the King of Rock and Roll, standing alone with an acoustic guitar or even laying down the drums for Lance Lipinsky in his band The Lovers. Whatever the occasion, you can be sure to expect an electrifying performance.

Jonny writes his own music flavored from his heroes such as Ray Charles, Elvis Presley,



Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Conway Twitty, Jerry Reed, The Everly Brothers, Willie Nelson, The Ventures and many more.

Food and drink concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Senior Cen-

ter, which will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, chips and drinks starting at 6 p.m.

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# SPORTS



## REACHING THE ENDZONE

RTHS alum Ben Redington scored his first collegiate touchdown this past fall.

See page 2 for more details

### Rochelle Little League

# Seniors bow out at state

16U All-Stars win three games in Illinois Little League State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BURBANK** — The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars conceded their first loss of the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament on Thursday, falling 16-6 against Burbank American.

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the first inning, Rochelle scored four runs to take the 4-1 lead. After back-to-back walks opened the frame, Ethan Goodwin reached on an error, allowing Braden Behrens to score and tie the game. Ryan Senne followed with an RBI single to score Chandler Cunningham before Evan Stinnett sent a two-RBI double into left field for two more runs.

Burbank American earned two runs back in the top of the second inning, but the Rochelle All-Stars fired back with two runs in the bottom of the second inning to surge ahead 6-3. Braden Hunley doubled to open the frame and Behrens doubled in the next at-bat to bring Hunley home. Behrens scored on a wild pitch five batters later for the sixth and final run

for Rochelle.

Burbank American took a 8-6 lead after tallying five runs on four walks and one double in the top of the third inning. Burbank American followed with seven runs in the top of the fourth inning before icing the victory with one run in the top of the sixth inning. Goodwin went 2-for-4 to lead the Rochelle offense in the loss, while Behrens scored two runs and Stinnett had two RBIs.

## Saturday

The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars remained in the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament with a decisive 16-2 win over Moline on Saturday.

Ryan Senne went 2-for-3 with two runs and four RBIs to lead the offense, while Evan Stinnett went 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBIs. Dylan Whaley went 2-for-3 with one RBI and threw all five innings for the Rochelle All-Stars, striking out six batters and allowing only two hits.

Senne sent an RBI groundout to third base and Van Gerber reached on an error to give the Rochelle All-Stars a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars went 3-2 over five games at the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament in Burbank. The team includes Antonio Trenado, Braden Behrens, Braden Hunley, Chandler Cunningham, Trent Kreider, Daniel Betancourt, Ethan Goodwin, Evan Stinnett, James Hook, Matthew Lynn, Parker Slattengren, Ryan Senne, Dylan Whaley and Van Gerber. The boys are coached by Lance Charnock, Dave Gerber and Jeff Slattengren.

Rochelle surged ahead with five runs in the bottom of the second inning, where Braden Behrens smacked a two-RBI single into center field before eventually scoring on an error. After Ethan Goodwin drew a two-out walk, Senne stepped up and blasted a two-run homer to center to extend the Rochelle lead

to 7-0.

Stinnett made the score 8-0 with an RBI groundout to the shortstop during the bottom of the third inning. Moline tallied two runs in the top of the fourth inning, but the Rochelle All-Stars continued to strike in the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring eight runs on three singles, two

doubles and one triple. Senne sparked the frame with a two-RBI triple to left field before Gerber slapped an RBI double to left and Whaley followed with an RBI single in the next two at-bats.

After Matthew Lynn walked to keep the offense moving, Stinnett sent a two-RBI single into center

field and Braden Hunley hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop, reaching on an RBI infield single. Antonio Trenado brought the final run home for the Rochelle All-Stars, lining the ball to third base and reaching on an error that allowed Hunley to score.

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### Rochelle Little League

# 12U Softball All-Stars battle at state tournament

Rochelle finishes with 1-2 record in Illinois Little League State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**RIVER FOREST** — The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars began their run at the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament on Saturday, conceding a 13-3 loss against Evergreen Park before bouncing back with an 11-1 win over Moline in the afternoon.

## Evergreen Park

Trailing 3-0 after Evergreen Park scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, Rochelle fought back with three runs in the top of the second inning, which began with four straight walks including a bases-loaded walk to Chloe Escatel for an RBI. Phelisity Lopez stepped up three batters later, belting a two-RBI double to left that scored Aeriss Williams and Reese Kissack.

Evergreen Park began pulling away in the bottom of the second inning, tallying two runs before adding three runs in the bottom of the third inning. Leading 8-3, Evergreen Park sealed its win with five runs on four singles, one double and one walk in the bottom of the fourth inning.

## Moline

Rochelle started strong



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars competed at the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament in River Forest, finishing with a 1-2 record. The team includes Phelisity Lopez, Jaylyn Pointer, Alyssa Simental, Maya Esparza, Aeriss Williams, Ella Behrens, Chloe Escatel, Alexa Soto, Isadora Hueramo, Magdalene Good, Reese Kissack, Preslee Sanders, Clara Millard and Mackenzie Taylor. The girls are coached by Kevin Behrens, Dan Escatel, Ally Reish and Abby Reish.

against Moline, scoring five runs in the top of the first inning. After three straight

walks loaded the bases, Maya Esparza sent an RBI single into left field before

Aeriss Williams grounded into a fielder's choice to score Chloe Escatel. Isadora

Hueramo followed with an RBI groundout and Ella Behrens pulled an RBI

single to left.

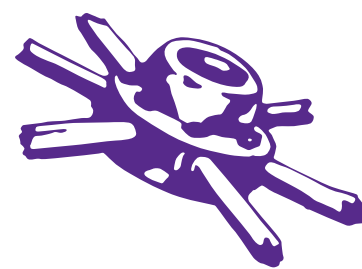
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**Former Rochelle student-athlete Ben Redington totaled five receptions for 27 yards and caught the first touchdown pass of his collegiate career during his junior season at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire this past fall.**

# Redington finds the endzone at Wisconsin-Eau Claire

**BY RUSSELL HODGES**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing tight end at Rochelle Township High School meant that former Hub student-athlete Ben Redington spent a lot of time blocking and creating holes for his running backs near the line of scrimmage. Since beginning his collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, however, Redington has seen his skills and his role as a pass catcher increase significantly.

That increased workload and improved skill resulted in Redington catching the first touchdown pass of his collegiate career during his junior season with the BluGolds in 2021. After totaling zero receptions over each of his first two seasons, Redington finished his junior season with five catches for 27 yards while appearing in seven games. His touchdown came on a 5-yard grab during Wisconsin-Eau Claire's home finale against Wisconsin-Platteville on Nov. 6, 2021.

"I feel like my junior season went well considering I far surpassed the goals I had set for myself," Redington said. "While our season didn't go the way we planned, I was happy that I was able to contribute and learn a lot that can translate to more success next season. I've enjoyed the lifelong relationships

and memories I've made with my coaches and teammates during my time with the Eau Claire football team and I've enjoyed the constant competition with my teammates."

Redington, who's currently studying kinesiology in order to pursue a career in strength and conditioning, said his goals for his senior season include being one of the top players in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Redington, whose older brother Daniel was an offensive lineman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, said his improved route-running abilities have been the biggest addition to his skillset since beginning his collegiate career.

"I had a lot of experience as a blocker in high school and not so much as a receiver," Redington said. "My route-running skills have improved tremendously. What I did well this past season was being a consistent receiver when the ball was thrown to me. I want to improve my blocking abilities so I can compete in a conference where the talent level is significant. My goals are to be a top player in the conference and to help my team win as many games as we can."

Redington caught at least one pass in four of his team's 10 games in 2021. The 6-foot, 218-pounder hauled in two receptions for 12 yards against Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Oct. 23.

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# SPORTS

Rochelle Little League

## Junior League All-Stars fall in district finals

Rochelle 14U team finishes 2-2 at District 19 Championship tournament

BY RUSSELL HODGES  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCK FALLS**—The Rochelle Little League Junior League All-Stars outlasted Rock Falls 14-7 on Thursday to reach the final round of the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament.

Despite conceding four runs in the top of the first inning, Rochelle scored twice in the bottom of the first inning, where Bobby Tourdot sent an RBI groundout to second base before Jonathan Andrist laced an RBI double into right field. Trailing 5-2 after Rock Falls tallied one run in the top of the third inning, Rochelle's All-Stars fired back with four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Caden Goodwin sparked the rally, smoking an RBI single to center that scored Andrew Huerta.

After Andrist scored on a wild pitch, Warren Schweitzer tied the game with an RBI groundout to the pitcher. Reece Harris gave Rochelle the lead three batters later, sending a two-out RBI single into center field and bringing Mark Green home. Rochelle surged ahead 9-5 with three runs in the bottom of the fourth in-

ning, where Schweitzer pushed an RBI single to right before Andrist scored on a wild pitch and Green reached on an RBI infield single to the shortstop.

Rock Falls inked one run in the top of the fifth inning, but the Rochelle All-Stars answered with an RBI groundout from Tourdot in the bottom of the fifth inning. Rock Falls scratched another run in the top of the sixth inning before Rochelle broke the game open with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Schweitzer and Harris each reached on RBI infield singles to make the score 12-7 before Marcus Hansen hit an RBI single and Luke Dickey scored on a wild pitch.

Schweitzer finished 2-for-3 with two runs and three RBIs, while Andrist and Goodwin each totaled two hits and two runs scored. Harris went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and Hansen went 2-for-4 with one run and one RBI. Green finished 1-for-2 with two runs, two walks and one RBI.

### Saturday

The Rochelle Little League Junior League All-Stars fell just short in the finals of the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament on



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League Junior League All-Stars finished second in the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament with a 2-2 record. The team includes Caden Goodwin, Mark Green, Reece Harris, Marcus Hansen, Bobby Tourdot, Jonathan Andrist, Trenton Cunningham, Warren Schweitzer, Luke Dickey, Angel Argueta, Declan McGee, Connor Hunley and Andrew Huerta. The team is coached by Corey Kreider, Jared Hunley and Clint Dickey.

Saturday. Rochelle held the late lead, but four unanswered runs allowed Freeport to rally back and win 5-4. Caden Goodwin went 2-for-3 with two RBIs for the Rochelle All-Stars, who went 2-2 in the district tournament.

Freeport struck first, scoring one run in the top of the first inning. Ro-

chelle evened the score in the bottom of the second inning, where Goodwin reached on an infield single before coming around and scoring on an error. Bobby Tourdot and Jonathan Andrist opened the bottom of the fourth inning with back-to-back singles, which led to an RBI groundout from

Goodwin that gave the Rochelle All-Stars a 2-1 lead. Andrist then scored on a wild pitch to make the score 3-1.

Goodwin delivered in the bottom of the fifth inning for Rochelle, sending an RBI infield single to the shortstop that allowed Connor Hunley to score. Freeport rallied in the top

of the sixth inning, scoring four runs on three walks, two hits and one error to regain the lead 5-4. Rochelle opened the bottom of the seventh inning with a walk and a single, but three outs, including one out at home, over the next two at-bats ended the scoring threat. Rochelle totaled six hits in the game.

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### South Elgin

The Rochelle Little League Senior League All-Stars saw their run at the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament conclude Sunday evening. After defeating South Elgin 13-3 in the afternoon, Rochelle faced Chicago East Side for a berth in the state finals, falling 9-0 to finish the tournament with a 3-2 record. Rochelle went 5-2 in postseason play.

Rochelle took the early

lead against South Elgin, with Evan Stinnett sending an RBI single into left field during the top of the second inning to make the score 1-0. Back-to-back doubles from Ethan Goodwin and Ryan Senne ignited the Rochelle offense in the top of the third inning, with Senne's RBI knock bringing Goodwin home before Senne scored on a passed ball soon after.

Leading 3-0, Rochelle continued to attack with six runs in the top of the fourth inning. Chandler Cunningham and Goodwin made the

score 5-0 with consecutive RBI singles before Senne blasted an RBI double on a hard grounder to left field. Two batters later, Dylan Whaley crushed a two-RBI double to center, allowing Goodwin and Senne to score. Daniel Betancourt capped off the explosive six-run rally for the Rochelle All-Star offense with a two-out RBI single to left field.

South Elgin earned three runs back in the bottom of the fourth inning. Both teams went scoreless over the fifth and sixth innings

before Rochelle iced the win with four runs in the top of the seventh inning. Back-to-back singles from Braden Hunley and Braden Behrens led to consecutive RBI doubles from Cunningham and Goodwin to give Rochelle a 12-3 advantage. With two outs in the frame, Van Gerber hit an opposite-field RBI single to score Goodwin.

Hunley threw a complete game for the Rochelle All-Stars, totaling seven innings with eight strikeouts and only two hits allowed.

Goodwin went 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs, while Senne went 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs. Cunningham went 2-for-5 with two runs and three RBIs. Behrens and Hunley each recorded two hits and two runs scored in the win.

### East Side

Rochelle fell behind in the bottom of the first inning, where East Side totaled two runs before adding five runs on two hits and three walks in the bottom of the fourth inning. Trailing 7-0, Ro-

chelle saw East Side score two runs on two hits and two walks in the bottom of the fifth inning. Ethan Goodwin and Daniel Betancourt singled for Rochelle's only two hits of the game.

Goodwin started on the mound for the Rochelle All-Stars, throwing three and two-thirds innings with six strikeouts and two hits allowed. Evan Stinnett entered in relief, tossing two and one-third innings while striking out four. Chandler Cunningham and Dylan Whaley each drew walks.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:45 PM on the 13 th day of September, 2022, at the Lincoln Elementary School in this school District 231. Dated this 12 th day of July, 2022.

Board of Education of School District No. 231 in the Counties of Ogle and Lee, State of Illinois.  
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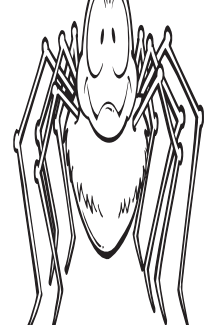
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# SPORTS

## Rochelle Little League

# 12U Baseball All-Stars host sectional tourney

## Rochelle concedes hard-fought loss to Oglesby in championship finals Sunday

**BY RUSSELL HODGES**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars hosted the Illinois Little League Sectional Championship tournament over the weekend, splitting two games against Oglesby and Moline on Saturday. Rochelle fell 4-2 against Oglesby in the afternoon before bouncing back with a 10-6 win over Moline during the evening to clinch a berth in the finals.

**Oglesby**  
Bo Lundquist started on the mound for the Rochelle All-Stars, throwing four innings and striking out six batters while holding Oglesby to three hits. Dayton Mellor entered in relief for the final two innings, adding one strikeout and not allowing any hits or runs. Luke Chadwick went 2-for-3 to lead the Rochelle offense, while Danny Garcia doubled and totaled two RBIs in the game.

Oglesby gained the early lead, scoring one run in the top of the first inning before tallying two more runs in the top of the second inning. Trailing 4-0 after Oglesby added one run in the top of the fourth inning, Rochelle

avoided the shutout in the bottom of the fourth inning, where Garcia's two-RBI double to center field brought Eli Schweitzer and John Williams home. Chadwick and Lundquist each singled in the fifth inning, but the Rochelle All-Stars were unable to score.

**Moline**  
Jace Spears threw a complete game for the Rochelle All-Stars against Moline, totaling six innings with five strikeouts while going 2-for-3 with two runs scored at the plate. Bo Lundquist went 2-for-4 with two runs and three RBIs to lead the offense, while Eli Schweitzer went 1-for-2 with two RBIs and Luke Chadwick went 1-for-2 with two runs scored and two walks drawn.

Moline took the early lead, scoring four runs in the top of the second inning before Rochelle fired back with six runs in the bottom of the second inning. Spears doubled to lead off the frame and scored on an RBI groundout from John Williams for Rochelle's first run of the game. Dayton Mellor ripped an RBI single to left during the next at-bat to bring Bentley Sveta home.

Trailing 4-2, Rochelle tied the game after Lundquist

belted a two-RBI double to left field, allowing Mellor and Riley Smith to come home. Schweitzer stepped up with a two-out, two-RBI single two batters later, plating Chadwick and Lundquist and giving Rochelle the 6-4 lead. Moline tallied one run in the top of the third inning, but an RBI double from Lundquist and RBI singles from Brayden Harley and Sveta made the score 9-5 in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Danny Garcia brought the final run home for the Rochelle All-Stars, hitting a sacrifice fly to right field in the bottom of the fourth inning. Moline hit a solo home run in the top of the sixth inning, but two strikeouts and a groundout allowed the Rochelle All-Stars to emerge with the win.

**Sunday**  
The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars earned a rematch against Oglesby on Sunday for the Illinois Little League Sectional Championship at Floyd J. Tilton Park. Rochelle fought to the finish, but two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning allowed Oglesby to outlast the 12U All-Stars for a 4-2 win. Rochelle finished 4-2 overall



(COURTESY PHOTO)  
**The Rochelle Little League 12U Baseball All-Stars hosted the Illinois Little League Sectional Championship tournament, finishing 1-2 over three games. The team includes Luke Chadwick, Bo Lundquist, Jace Spears, Brayden Harley, Eli Schweitzer, John Williams, Dayton Mellor, Bentley Sveta, Korbin Milos, Danny Garcia, AJ Milan, Maddox Hueramo, Riley Smith and Tyson Pavlak. The boys are coached by Henry Bunker, Nick Spears and Dave Williams.**

during postseason play.

Eli Schweitzer threw all five innings for the Rochelle All-Stars, limiting Oglesby to five hits. Riley Smith finished with one RBI, while Schweitzer and Bo Lundquist each totaled one hit and one run scored. Brayden Harley also recorded one hit for the Rochelle All-Stars in the loss.

Oglesby took a 2-0 lead on two doubles and an error in the bottom of the first inning. Rochelle earned one run back in the top of the second inning, where Smith drew a bases-loaded walk to cut the Oglesby lead in half. Harley and Schweitzer singled before Jace Spears drew a walk to load the bases in the top of the third inning,

but back-to-back strikeouts ended the threat. Lundquist singled and scored on a passed ball to tie the game in the top of the fifth inning.

Oglesby jumped ahead 4-2 on a two-run homer to right field in the bottom of the fifth inning. The Rochelle All-Stars went three-up, three-down in the top of the sixth inning.

# GIRLS: 12U Softball All-Stars bow out at state tourney

From page 1

Magdalene Good reached on an RBI infield single to second base to cap off the five-run frame.

Alyssa Simental walked and scored on an RBI infield single from Hueramo to make the score 6-0 Rochelle in the top of the second inning. Moline scratched one run in the bottom of the third inning,

but the Rochelle All-Stars exploded for five runs in the top of the fifth inning to seal the win. Escatel sparked the surge with a two-RBI triple to left that scored Preslee Sanders and Phelisy Lopez. Williams then pushed an RBI single into left field to make the score 9-1.

Hueramo brought the final two runs home for the Rochelle All-Stars, lining

a two-RBI single to center that allowed Simental and Esparza to score. Behrens started in the pitcher's circle, throwing three innings with eight strikeouts and zero earned runs allowed. Simental and Escatel each added two strikeouts over one shutout inning of relief to help clinch the win.

Hueramo went 2-for-3 with four RBIs to lead the Rochelle offense, while

Williams went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

**Bi-County**  
The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars fell 13-3 against Bi-County in the consolation bracket of the Illinois Little League State Championship tournament on Sunday. Rochelle went 1-2 at the state tournament and 4-3 overall in the postseason.

Alyssa Simental and Alexa Soto drew bases-loaded walks in consecutive at-bats to give the Rochelle All-Stars a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Bi-County surged ahead in the bottom of the first inning, scoring six runs on three hits and three walks. Trailing 7-2 after Bi-County tallied one run in the bottom of the second inning, Rochelle earned one run

back when Jaylyn Pointer scored Mackenzie Taylor on an RBI groundout in the top of the fourth inning.

Bi-County sealed its win with another six-run frame in the bottom of the fourth inning. Aeriss Williams singled in the top of the third inning and Ella Behrens started in the pitcher's circle, throwing three innings and striking out four batters.

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