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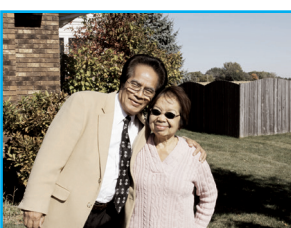
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RTHS sees rise in referrals

Handbook changes aimed at lowering numbers

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its monthly meeting Monday, the Rochelle Township High School Board of Education heard a presentation and held a first reading about student handbook changes and updates.

RTHS Dean of Students Brett Zick made the presentation and has spent time surveying all parents and meeting with the parent/teacher advisory committee about recommended changes and additions. Changes recommended Monday will be voted on at July's meeting. Zick and District Superintendent Jason Harper walked the board through difficulties that were seen last year coming out of remote learning and the COVID-19 pandemic.

A rise in disciplinary referrals was seen in the 2021-2022 school year when comparing it to the last full year in school, 2018-2019. About 3,000 disciplinary referrals were seen last year and in 2018-2019 around 2,200 were seen. 226 truancy-based offenses were seen in



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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2018-2019 and 869 were seen this past year. RTHS saw 195 cell phone-based offenses in 2018-2019 and 198 in this past year. It saw 822 occurrences of students being late to school in 2018-2019 and 1,140 in this past year.

"Obviously we came out of remote learning,"

Zick said. "We've had some concerns with social and emotional learning as well as academic learning. That did prove to be true. We did see a rise in referrals but it's kind of what we anticipated this year. There were some issues with attendance and they kind of persisted after the

remote learning. You take students away from school for a year and a half and ask them to come back in. There's the possibility for issues in making sure they're there all the time, on-time and staying in class and not skipping."

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Smith retiring after 20 years with RPD

'I have numerous experiences on the job that are memorable'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Police Department Sgt. Chet Smith is a patrol supervisor currently on day shift. He's been with RPD for 20 years.

Smith's responsibilities in his position include supervision of patrol operations on shift as well as investigating the calls he gets dispatched to.

After high school, Smith said he worked jobs "here and there" including for a local company for seven or eight years. He was then hired by the Illinois Department of Corrections as a correctional officer, where he worked for a few years until he was hired by RPD in 2002.

The main reason Smith became a police officer was his father, who served in the Navy in the late 60s and early 70s before becoming a DeKalb Police Department officer.

"I remember he was a K9 officer and we had the dog living with us, who was just our pet and part of the family," Smith said. "That I remember, but he



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started working for the IDOC while my brothers and sister were kids and he retired from corrections after I think 30 plus years. My mother was a nurse at the same correctional facility. I have just always

been around law enforcement and corrections so it just seemed to me the field of work I wanted to be in."

Smith met his wife of 25 years in high school and has two adult children now in their 20s. The

couple have a 14-year-old miniature schnauzer named Lois and recently said goodbye to their other 16-year-old schnauzer, Lex, who Smith called his "best friend."

Smith is the oldest of

three brothers and a sister. In his off time, he enjoys spending as much time as possible with friends and family, golfing and traveling.

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LOCAL NEWS

Safety book provides information to protect children

ROCHELLE — For the past four years, Rochelle Community Hospital, the Rochelle Fire Department and the Rochelle Police Department have joined forces to provide safety information to area children. RCH introduced this safe initiative 20 years ago this year. Local businesses have supported efforts in providing a personal safety book to every third grader in the area.

RCH, RFD and RPD, in partnership with Community Safety Net™, have presented the “Personal Safety – Smart Choices for LIFE” family resource booklet to educate and protect our youth.

This initiative provides young people in our service area with effective tools to stay safe and injury-free. The personal safety book offers parents practical ideas on protecting their children as well as an app. The book’s content includes seven different sections for children including

safety at home, school, play, away from home, vital safety topics and emergencies and first aid.

Another section contains information for parents including: drugs, sexual abuse, bullying, vehicle safety and other topics, street proofing your kids and safety tips for parents. The book concludes with fun learning quizzes, a diploma and a chance for kids to win their very own tablet from Community Safety Net™.

The hospital, fire department and police department would like to thank all of the following businesses who supported this effort for the 2021-22 school year: Class partners - Central Bank Illinois and Rochelle Waste Disposal. Half class partners - Anderson Plumbing & Heating, CHS Elburn and Prescott Brothers Ford. One third class partners - Berg-Johnson Electric Contractors, Inc., Edward Jones-Will McLachlan, Family

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Local businesses will be contacted this fall by Community Safety Net with sponsorship opportunities. If you have any questions about this safety initiative for the 2022-23 school year, please feel free to contact: Janet Stewart, marketing coordinator at RCH, 815-561-3113; Lt. Zach Prewett at RFD at 815-562-2122 or Luisa Nambo, communications supervisor at RPD at 815-562-2131.

For more safety information and links to family-friendly safety-oriented websites, please visit www.communitysafety.net. You can also download our community’s very own safety app.



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Pictured left to right: Janet Stewart, Lt. Zach Prewett, Luisa Nambo and Celeste Canfield, principal of Central School.

Free organ recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood

LINDENWOOD — Nicholas Hansen will be offering a free organ recital at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lindenwood in commemoration of 150 years of ministry and a new organ.

Nicholas is a 2020 graduate of Rochelle Township High School. He will be a junior this Fall at Concordia University Chicago majoring in parish music. He is a highly-gifted and

hard-working musician specializing in pipe organ performance who travels each weekend to play for the services of his home congregation of Immanuel.

At the recital he will be playing Bach’s “Little” Fugue in G minor, “Trumpet Tune,” excerpts from “Mendelssohn Sonata 6,” among others. In addition, the Hansen Family Barbershop Quartet will be

singing. This special event promises to be a wonderful display of God’s gift of music.

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LOCAL NEWS

RTHS: Board approves lunch price changes for 2022-23

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Last year in school due to the pandemic, students were allowed to have their cell phones more often in more areas of the building. Zick said the same amount of cell phone offenses is not necessarily a success, as cell phone offenses should have gone down in theory.

While truancy offenses are up, Zick says the school isn't far off from where it usually is as far as the amount of students that are having issues.

"I think for most of our students, RTHS is what RTHS has always been," Zick said. "And then we have a group of students we need to develop more and continue to work with both academically and socially and emotionally."

A presentation slide with RTHS referral numbers in years past showed the number in 2008-2009 as around 3,000, as it was this past year.

"We don't like that number being up near 3,000," Zick said. "That's not good. But in 2008-2009 in a normal year we were around that number too. We've been here before and got the numbers back down. We'll be able to get that number down again. I think we knew students were going to have a lot of academic

and social emotional needs this year and it proved to be true."

Harper called 2021-2022 an "anomaly of a year" while staff worked to get children used to being back in the building. The school is "dedicated" and wants to get back to kids understanding where they're supposed to be in terms of behavior expectations and hold them accountable.

Zick said disciplinary referrals were seen most with freshmen, which he attributed to that group being in remote learning for "crucial years of development."

Areas of focus next year to curb referrals include attendance, sensors in bathrooms for vapes, going back to pre-pandemic cell phone and locker use rules, no earbuds unless a teacher wants them used for classwork, a possible tiered approach for in-school suspension, water bottles being allowed in class and being "consistent across the board" with the dress code, Zick said.

Lunch prices

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Arbor Management provided two options for consideration with projected results and the board made changes and came to an agreement "somewhere in the middle." RTHS has not changed prices in four of the past six years. The plan was approved at a projected deficit of \$6,537.

"We want to ease into these price jumps for our students as best we can," Harper said. "We went through and itemized where increases would be.

We tried to not drop dollar and 75-cent increases on every single student. The plate lunch, which is our most basic but well-rounded option, hasn't increased that much. It will be \$3.25. Students that qualify for free and reduced lunch will not be impacted by this when they get that plate lunch."

Amended

budget

The board held a public hearing for and unanimously approved an amended 2021-2022 budget at the

meeting. Anticipated revenue for the education fund is \$10,667,983 and the operation fund anticipated revenue is \$1,214,400. On the expenditure side, the anticipated numbers for education funds are \$11,241,694 and \$1,267,950 for operations, District Business Manager Kevin Dale said.

Employment

The board unanimously approved the resignations of Shaun Schaefer (band and marching band director), John Dobbs (assistant track coach) and Kevin Hunt (assistant softball

coach) along with the hirings of Ashley Lawrenz (school nurse), Calla Stroh (assistant girls basketball coach), Tracuy Drobnick (library aide/paraprofessional), Anna Birska (Spanish teacher), Rachel Plock (math teacher) and Marshall Basler (athletic trainer).

Sheila Herrmann was unanimously approved to transfer from bus driver to transportation director and will temporarily work alongside current Transportation Director Sherri Smith until the latter retires at the end of the year.

Rochelle development part of housing grant program

CHICAGO—Governor J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Board recently announced conditional awards using \$75 million in federal funds to provide gap financing and complete underwriting for affordable housing developments that may have otherwise not been built due to financial

challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded through the COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant Program (CAHGP), IHDA is providing grants to 19 affordable developments across Illinois that will create or preserve 1,023 units of affordable housing. The program is the state's latest effort to ensure the construction and

rehabilitation of affordable housing continues to move forward during a time of unprecedented need among low- and moderate-income households.

"Doubling down on supply is a key component of bringing affordable housing to everyone, and I'm proud of this \$75 million investment that will build more than 1,000 new units

for residents across Illinois," said Pritzker. "This funding will help close the gap between construction and completion for more than a dozen new developments, which will in turn serve as the home base for Illinois families to build their lives."

The Grove Apartments, which is a future development planned for the south

side of Rochelle, is part of the COVID-19 Affordable Housing Grant program.

The Grove Apartments will be a two-story, 30-unit rental residence providing family-sized two- and three-bedroom apartments for those earning at-or-be-

low 60 percent area median income for Ogle County. The New Directions Housing Corporation is sponsoring the development, which will feature a fitness and game room, residential garden plots and patio seating.



Kishwaukee College student clinic open for massages

The Kishwaukee College Student Esthetics & Massage Clinic will be open for massages on Wednesday mornings at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$25 for the public and \$10 for Kish employees. Interested individuals can call 815-825-9487 to book an appointment.



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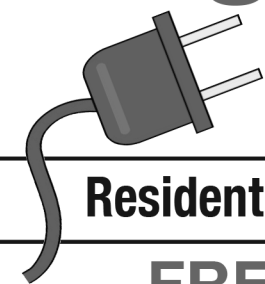
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Obituaries

John M. Roe

ROCHELLE — John M. Roe, 98, of Rochelle, passed away peacefully at his home Friday, June 17. John was born near Chana on Nov. 12, 1923. He was the son of Malcolm R. and Georgia (Dailey) Roe. He attended Chana Grade School and graduated from Rochelle Township High School in the class of 1941. He attended Knox College at Galesburg, where he participated in athletics and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and became the navigator on a B-24 crew, serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy during World War II. After discharge from the Army Air Corps service, he attended Reppert Auction School in Decatur, Indiana. John came home from the service to manage Roe's Consignment Sale at Chana and conducted livestock and estate auction sales all over northern Illinois for the next 55 years.

John married the former Sally Berk of Oregon on Jan. 4, 1947, after the conclusion of her service in the Navy WAVES in World War II. They were the parents of three children, John L. Roe of Rochelle, Suzanne (Bill) Gilkerson of Monticello, Iowa, and Janet (Vern) Everette of Winfield, Illinois. They also had three grandchildren Lauren (Chris) Sokn of Washington, Illinois, Philip (Amy) Gilkerson of Monticello, Iowa, and Katherine Everette of Galway, Ireland; four great-grandchildren Lydia and Liam Sokn of Washington, Illinois and Quinn and McKinley Gilkerson of Monticello, Iowa. He is also survived by special friend Vivian Carlson. John was predeceased by his wife Sally on March 9, 1996; his siblings Jane, Morris, and Maxine, and his parents Malcolm and



Georgia.

John was a sports enthusiast, playing baseball with Chana in the old Kishwaukee league and fast-pitch softball with several teams in northern Illinois. He also played AAU basketball for many years. John was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, a self-described avid but less than average golfer, and an above average bridge player. During his auctioneering career, he took a great interest in Ogle County 4-H groups by contributing many times to the auctioning of their projects. John was a lifetime member of the Oregon VFW Post, the Rochelle American Legion, and a 65-year member of the Oregon Masonic Lodge and Rockford Tebala Shrine. He was a founding member of the RTHS Alumni Scholarship Committee. John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochelle. In retirement he volunteered his time at his church, local schools and the Presbyterian Thrift Shop.

Memorial visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 24 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Calvin Road, Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Village of Progress in Oregon at www.villageofprogress.org.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com for online guest book and video tribute.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to motorcycle versus pickup truck accident

OREGON — On June 17 at 8:40 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 64 near the intersection of Moore Road for an equipment violation. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Shantez Murphy, 34, of Machesney Park, for driving while license suspended. Murphy was released on an individual bond on scene with a return court date. Murphy was also issued a citation for tinted windows. All individuals are presumed innocent.

On June 17 deputies arrested Jhonatan Cristancho, 32, of Woodridge, Illinois for driving while license suspended. Cristancho was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Illinois Route 64 after being stopped for speeding. Cristancho was released on a I-bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

On June 18 at approximately 5:18 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop

in the 200 block of South Division Avenue in Polo. After an investigation, Shane Pritchard, 45, of Forrester, was arrested for driving while license revoked. Pritchard was transported to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Pritchard was additionally charged with improper container cannabis/driver. All individuals are presumed innocent.

On June 19 at approximately 3:48 p.m. deputies responded to the intersection of East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road in reference to a pickup truck versus motorcycle accident. A preliminary investigation revealed that a pickup truck being driven by Amy Anthenat, 46, of Creston, was northbound on Mulford Road at which time it failed to yield to an eastbound motorcycle being driven by a 60-year-old male from Addison, Illinois. The motorcycle collided with the driver side of the pickup truck. The sole occupant



of the motorcycle was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle EMS, where he was later pronounced deceased. Anthenat was uninjured in the accident. Deputies were assisted by the Illinois State Police and Rochelle Fire/EMS. This incident remains under investigation.

On June 20 at approximately 12:04 p.m. deputies responded to the 4,000

block of West Timber Lane near Grand Detour in response to welfare check. After investigation, James A Catalano, 69, of Dixon, was placed under arrest for aggravated discharge of a firearm, a class 1 felony. Catalano was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held awaiting an appearance before a judge.

All subjects are presumed innocent.

Rochelle Police Department

Two arrested on county warrants

ROCHELLE — On June 18 at 1:18 p.m. Dustin M. Hutcherson, 35, of Rochelle was arrested for five counts of retail theft. He was released on an I-Bond and given a July 22 Ogle County court date.

On June 19 at 1:56 a.m. a 16-year-old male of Rochelle was cited for unlawful number of passengers. He signed a promise to comply and was given a July 22 Rochelle court date.

On June 19 at 8:15 p.m. Craig M. Larson Jr., 25, of Rochelle was arrested for violation of bond condition and transferred.

On June 20 at 10:58



a.m. Lisa A. Kopplin, 52, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Woodford County warrant and transferred.

On June 20 at 2:58 a.m. Oscar R. Guerrero, 23, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Rockford warrant and transferred.



RCH announces change to inpatient visitor restrictions

ROCHELLE — Effective Monday, June 20, Rochelle Community Hospital will now allow two visitors at a time per patient on the medical/surgical floor. Patients hospitalized with COVID-19 will not be allowed to have visitors.

Family members accompanying patients to the emergency and surgery departments will continue to be limited to one dedicated person for

the duration of the visit. Outpatients that are positive or being tested for COVID-19 will not be allowed visitors.

Visitors may be screened for COVID-19 for the safety of patients and staff. Anyone entering RCH must continue to wear a mask and remain properly masked for the duration of their visit anywhere in the facility due to CDC/IDPH requirements for healthcare facilities.

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LOCAL NEWS

PARK: Maintenance work to begin at The REC next month

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Hager said the park district opened its second set of swim lessons on Monday and people called right at the opening time to register.

While season passes for Spring Lake are down this year, that was expected due to the park district's all-inclusive membership including Spring Lake use.

Stevens said sealcoating work has begun at some of the parks, and the park district's maintenance shop recently got done.

Last month the board unanimously approved a contract with Wyatt Pavement for sealcoating in the amount of \$16,818 for this month's work.

The work includes two basketball courts, the maintenance shop parking lot and driveway and Lake Sule. The "large amount" of sealcoating also includes filling cracks and striping.

Stevens also said that the driving range at Skare Park recently saw issues with its ball machine that hopefully have been remedied.

"We determined it was due to a low number of golf balls and they found more and we ordered more," Stevens said. "We had 600 and ordered an-



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Superintendent of Recreation & Fitness TC Hager said The REC plans to be closed for maintenance the week after the 4th of July. According to the park district's site, closures will be from July 5-14 as part of The REC's annual maintenance program.

other 300 more, so hopefully that helps."

A meeting with members of the disc golf community in town was recently held and that group is working with the park district on "sprucing" up the course, Stevens said.

"We've left it as is for a majority of its life because people like the challenge of a more wooded course,"

Stevens said. "It's gotten overgrown, so we've met with a group that plays regularly to discuss what they'd like to see done out there. They'll be working on that in the coming months."

Hager said The REC plans to be closed for maintenance the week after the 4th of July. According to the park

district's site, closures will be from July 5-14 as part of The REC's annual maintenance program. The closure is figured into the membership fee schedule, therefore no adjustments will be made to memberships for closures less than the scheduled two weeks.

The work will be done in zones. The fitness center

is planned to reopen at 6 a.m. on July 8, the field-house is planned to reopen at 6 a.m. July 11 and the aquatic center is planned to reopen at 6 a.m. on July 15. Dates are subject to change.

"The aquatic center will be closed for the longest period of time," Stevens said. "They're going to drain the pool and do a

lot of work cleaning that we can't do when there's water in it."

Budget draft

The board unanimously approved a budget draft for 2022-2023. It will be posted to the park district website for 30 days and up for a public hearing and approval at the board's July meeting.

SMITH: RPD officer reflects on 20-year career in Rochelle

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"We have taken numerous vacations together all over the United States but our favorite places to visit are our National Parks," Smith said. "I think we have visited almost 20 National Parks."

Smith has had "numerous" memorable experiences on the job over his 20 years, including a lot of good ones and a lot of "heartbreaking" bad ones. He recalls others that were out of the ordinary.

"I have repaired leaky pipes, investigated footsteps heard in the middle of the night when nobody should be home and the caller thought it was a ghost, I have investigated UFOs being seen floating through the woods of the golf course in town and I have shoveled driveways," Smith said.

Smith has also seen a Rochelle Police Officer get elected Ogle County Sheriff

in Brian VanVickle. He's spoken to parents about troubles they are having with their children. He's saved people who have wanted to harm themselves or worse.

"And then I've seen them months later in town off-duty and received a big hug from them telling me they appreciate what I did for them and what I had said to them that made them realize how wrong they were for thinking that way," Smith said.

2022 will be Smith's last year with RPD, as he will be retiring in a few months. The main thing he wants the community to know about the department is that it has "some of the most professional, kind, respectful and compassionate" police officers.

"What's even more amazing is that even after the heartbreaking incidents we as police officers have to deal with on a daily basis,



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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they still maintain those four attributes," Smith said. "I am not saying this just

because I work here. I am saying this because I know each and every one of your

police officers and they do the best job they can under the circumstances they have

in front of them, all the while maintaining the four attributes I mentioned."

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

What our words are worth

ONE hardship with being human is the fragile nature of what goes on in our brain. In striving to relieve this we have invented technologies which record our emotions and ideas. The earliest cave paintings discovered date back over 30,000 years when humans made surprisingly detailed drawings of animals. Humans have a deep need to preserve what we find good, or beautiful, or otherwise important, and we have persistently developed more and more tools to somehow capture and communicate these thoughts.

Early systems of printing started with hand-printed shapes and then developed into printing machines. Cuneiform is an ancient writing system first used around 3400 BC in the Ancient Near East. In 868 A.D. Buddhist monks in China created the oldest known printed book, the Diamond Sutra. Interestingly, the authors included the message, “for universal free distribution” at the end. The monks who wrote it wanted their ideas about how to live a good life to be shared rather than restricted. Wooden moveable type used in the late 13th century in China created the world’s first mass produced book. Johannes Gutenberg invented a working printing press around 1450 and in 1452 printed about 250 copies of the Gutenberg Bible. You may

already know that the Bible is the most widely-printed book in history with over 5 billion copies printed.

The spread of the printing press throughout the world encouraged the spread of ideas which served to move cultures forward as old ideas gave way to new religious interpretations, breakthrough scientific theories, and cultural happenings. In 1605, the first official newspaper, Relation, was printed and distributed in Germany. Newspapers were printed throughout Europe leading to literacy growth, education, and the availability of common printed ideas for more and more people. Imagine how much faster ideas could spread and shape the world back then! A single edition of a newspaper or book containing the exact same printed content could reach hundreds, or even thousands of people in a matter of days or weeks. This power to influence was so recognized that “...freedom of speech, or of the press...” is one of the basic rights the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects.

Experiences involving newspapers have been part of my entire life. As a kid, I remember



Kurt Wolter

our “paper boy” delivered The Daily Pantagraph each afternoon to our front porch step. Often I’d sit and wait so I could enjoy that feeling of getting a “fresh” paper to read, although the comics section was my favorite. I knew even then, that the entertaining part of the paper was found in a totally separate section of the paper. The important news was on the front page, and the less important entertainment was to be found in back. And learning to read the comic text and images – with their subtle or obvious humor, or innuendo, or sarcasm – was an important part of my education.

When I was older I delivered newspapers when either substituting for the delivery kid who had gone on vacation, or when my younger brother needed help with his route. I’d easily walk a few miles each day, so the job provided me with early lessons in healthy exercise. Folding newspapers just right taught me attention to detail, as well as how the thick Sunday papers were nearly impossible to fold. Learning where each customer wanted their paper delivered taught me basic lessons for customer satisfaction. And accounting for each delivered paper made arithmetic necessary and sensible – there was nothing worse than finding out I was either short or had too many papers when I had finished the

route. My Grandpa clipped and mailed me color comics from the Sunday Tribune. He called them “the funnies,” and I loved receiving color versions of comics that our local newspaper didn’t carry. So many ideas for my young mind! As a father and adult, printed news continued to be a part of life. My children worked delivering both the Rochelle News-Leader and the weekly shopper. My mother still regularly clips news articles to post on her bulletin board, and she regularly sends out clippings to me, our family, and friends.

But printed word and electronic media are more than just history or activities which provide life lessons. They continue as a powerful force impacting our daily life and culture. Nowadays, printed and electronic media bring us news stories from around our nation and the world, provide accountability by permanently documenting activity – whether good or bad or even criminal – of public officials, private companies and individuals bringing well-deserved attention or embarrassing exposure to those involved. Famous and infamous political leaders, movie stars, sports heroes and other “influencers” can blast their thoughts whenever they like. Goods and services advertisement enjoy a wide, public marketplace. All of this can happen in a fraction of the time required in the past,

and can reach thousands, millions, even billions of people in seconds.

Because of this speed, printed and electronic words continue to carry a responsibility that goes along with the freedoms and power they offer. Online news, as well as social media, all enjoy the power of the printed word. I believe that “the pen is mightier than the sword”, and that a fundamental responsibility of our freedom of speech is for us to use words, rather than violence, to express our human emotions and ideas. And our words need to regulate the swords, so that swords do not become mightier than our words. One of my mother’s quotable words of wisdom for me as a child was (and I bet you’ve heard it too) is, “sticks and stones can break your bones but words may never hurt you”. I hope that we all continue to value the freedom power of our words, as well as the responsibility that is needed to express opinion thoughtfully and with reason.

Kurt Wolter has studied and taught technology, including production, transportation, energy, and communication for over 30 years. He enjoys a wide variety of hobbies including figuring out how to be a better citizen and now trying to learn journalism. He can be reached by email at technohistory100@gmail.com

Collaborating during summer field days

THE heat and humidity may be cranked up during the summer, but Illinois farmers are still hard at work making management decisions on their farms.

With corn and soybeans planted across the state each spring, many farmers take time in the hotter months of the year to learn about new, innovative ways they can maximize crop yields while protecting the environment. Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) supports these efforts through a series of Nutrient Stewardship Field Days each year.

Farmers care about conserving our natural resources. Preserving the soil and water quality on Illinois farms minimizes costly inputs and maximizes crop yields. Balancing production costs allows us to grow the food American families rely on, while also creating opportunities for future generations to return to the family farm.

IFB’s 2022 Nutrient Stewardship Field Days are funded through the organization’s Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program. The program, now in its seventh

year, committed more than \$150,000 to 2022 projects and is working with 25 counties on 21 projects, including field days, throughout the state. To date, IFB has partnered with County Farm Bureaus and others on more than 100 projects across 70 Illinois counties.



Richard Guebert

So, what happens during these field days?

Field day events offer farmers the chance to share environmentally friendly tools that work well on their farms. Through research shared with their peers, researchers, universities, ag retailers and industry professionals, different types of on-farm projects can be developed to test the use of cover crops, livestock manure management, woodchip bioreactors and other technologies that improve the land. These efforts benefit surrounding communities and ultimately support our state’s Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

The Illinois NLRs, which was released by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in July 2015, calls for wastewater

treatment plants, urban areas and agricultural areas to reduce the state’s phosphorous load by 25% and its nitrate-nitrogen load by 15% by 2025. The eventual target is a 45% reduction in the loss of these nutrients to the Mississippi River.

Field days, on-farm research and collaborative projects are all integral parts of Illinois agriculture’s role in working toward the state’s NLRs. IFB supports these voluntary farmer efforts by focusing on education and outreach, supporting research and implementation of best management practices, and reporting progress as it’s made.

I am proud of our farmers’ efforts to minimize environmental impacts in Illinois. You can learn more about the progress Illinois farmers continue to make toward NLRs goals and see a full list of 2022 Nutrient Stewardship Field Days at www.ilfb.org/FieldDays.

Richard Guebert Jr. is the president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

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SPORTS

Rochelle Little League

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Minor League Boys Division action continues at Bill Wilkinson Field

Rochelle Little League's Minor League Boys resumed play this week. Six teams including A&E Builders, Bruns Construction, Dimond Bros, Hayden Real Estate, Prescott Brothers and Tess, Crull & Arnquist are taking the field for some summer fun this season. There are 74 players participating in the Minor League Boys Division this summer, with each team rostering 12-to-13 players. Games are played on Mondays and Wednesdays on Bill Wilkinson Field at Floyd J. Tilton Park.

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SPORTS

TRACK: Local clubs compete in annual meet at RTHS

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11-12 Girls
Lily Wengelewski won the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.79 seconds and Mairin Meyers finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 37.89 seconds. Kylee Misch won the shot put with a mark of 4.41 meters and Emma Osborne took second in the long jump at 3.1 meters.

11-12 Boys
Kyler Rowe won the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.57 seconds and Eliot Kessen took second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 34.54 seconds. Christopher Lawrence finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:35.19 and second in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:22.27. Reed Rowley placed third in the 1500-meter run with a time of 6:13.76.
Declan McKinney won the 80-meter hurdles with a time of 24.34 seconds and Rochelle's 400-meter relay team (Michael Abell, Declan McKinney, Gabe McLaughlin and Eliot Kessen) won with a time of 1:06.22. Frank Hernandez won the shot put with a heave of 7.46 meters and Rowe won the javelin with a throw of 18.82 meters. Kessen won the long jump at 3.44 meters.

13-14 Girls
Vivian Worthington took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:33.79 and Samantha Overton finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 26.38 seconds. Maddie Worthington won the shot put with a heave of 4.94 meters and the discus with a throw of 8.98 meters. Overton won the javelin at 12.10 meters and Vivian Worthington won the triple

13-14 Boys
Caleb Dreska won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.69 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.33 seconds. Tyler Johnson finished fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:11.07 and Danny Garcia placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.75. Garcia took second in the 1500-meter run (5:06.64) and Dreska won the long jump (4.75 meters).
Hunter Bivins won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 22.77 seconds and the 400-meter relay team (Rafael Herrera, Danny Garcia, Tyler Johnson and Hadley Losoya) won with a time of 1:18.77. Garcia won the shot put with a heave of 7.51 meters. Zachary Dreska won the discus with a throw of 18.09 meters and took second in the javelin with a mark of 24.45 meters.

15-16 Girls
Kennedy Adamski finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.63 seconds and Kyrie Cragin took seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 32.54 seconds. Alivia Henkel placed second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.51 seconds and first in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:09.60. Samantha Sanford won the shot put with a heave of 8.10 meters.
Henkel won the discus with a throw of 20.81 meters and Adamski took second in the javelin with a throw of 21.95 meters. Adamski finished third in the long jump (3.89) and triple jump (8.56).

15-16 Boys
Jackson Smith finished



Makynzye Bennett (left) and Noah Hayden (right) race to the finish line during the 200-meter dash at the 43rd Annual Rochelle Area Track Club Invitational on Saturday.

second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.75 seconds and third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.22 seconds. Abel Huerta took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:37.55 and tied with Declan McGee for first in the 1500-meter run (5:36.26). Kenny Overton placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.47 seconds.
Wyatt Worthington won the 400-meter hurdles with

17-18
Olivia Dreska won the discus with a throw of 14.93 meters and the javelin with a throw of 13.06 meters. Max Orlikowski took fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.17 seconds and Luke Orlikowski finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.63 seconds. Hayden Smith placed second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:46.26 and the 400-meter relay team (Ethan Bergeson, Luke Orlikowski, Max Orlikowski and Hayden Smith) won in 52.71 seconds.
Bergeson won the javelin with a throw of 25.90 meters and Luke Orlikowski took second in the high jump with a height of 1.65 meters. Bergeson won the pole vault with a clearance of 3.18 meters and Luke Orlikowski won the long jump with a distance of 5.76 meters.

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ESTATE)Case OF)No. LORENZ W.)2022 METZGER) PR 046 Deceased) CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LORENZ W. METZGER, of Davis Junction, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 7, 2022, to Lee A. Metzger, whose address is 1225 Carrie Avenue, Rochelle, Illinois 61068 as Executor, and whose attorney is Charles P. Cole, Jr., 104 Oak Avenue, Suite B, Rochelle, Illinois 61068.

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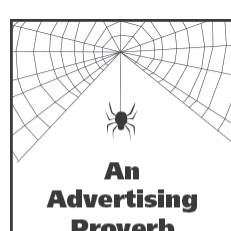
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Rochelle's Braden Alfano (left) represented the Hubs at the 48th Annual Illinois High School Shrine Game this past weekend. Alfano will be continuing his academics and playing baseball at North Central College next year.

Alfano shines at Illinois High School Shrine Game

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

DEFENSIVE lineman Braden Alfano earned one more chance to represent the Rochelle Hub football team over the weekend, when Alfano and the best high school players from around the state united at Illinois Wesleyan University for the 48th Annual Illinois High School Shrine Game.

Alfano took the field on defense and special teams, totaling three tackles as he and the Red Team defeated the Blue Team 11-7. An All-Conference First Team selection in the Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue Division during his senior season, Alfano relished the opportunity to wear the Rochelle Township High School helmet and represent his school one last time.

"It was an awesome experience that I'll remember for the rest of my life," Alfano said. "What I enjoyed most was how my teammates and I became close so quickly. It felt like we had been teammates for years. It was definitely sad to play my final football game, but I'm very glad that I received the opportunity and I'll miss the brotherhood that football brought into my life."

The Shrine Game events kicked off

with player check-ins, media availability and team practices on Tuesday. While players were unable to visit the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago, which had been customary before the COVID-19 pandemic, players still partook in special events throughout the week. On Thursday, players participated in the Central Illinois Miracle League Baseball Game and joined members of the Shriners of Illinois for a cookout.

"The Miracle League game was one of the most fun events I've ever been a part of," said Alfano, who will continue his academics and his baseball career at North Central College in the fall. "It was so cool to see the faces of the kids light up when they got a hit or scored a run."

Over 100 players from across the state competed in the Shrine Game, which took place at Tucci Stadium on Saturday. A four-year member of the Rochelle Hub football program, Alfano spent three seasons on the varsity team. Alfano was also a four-year member of the baseball program, playing two seasons on the varsity team and earning All-Conference honors once.

"I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to compete at North Central for four more years," Alfano said.

"It was an awesome experience that I'll remember for the rest of my life. What I enjoyed most was how my teammates and I became close so quickly. It felt like we had been teammates for years. It was definitely sad to play my final football game, but I'm very glad that I received the opportunity and I'll miss the brotherhood that football brought into my life."

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SHRINE GAME SEND OFF

RTHS grad Braden Alfano competed in the Illinois High School Shrine Game.

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Rochelle Area Track Club

Off to the races

RTHS hosts 43rd Annual Rochelle Area Track Club Invitational on Saturday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School hosted the 43rd Annual Rochelle Area Track Club Invitational on Saturday, with athletes between ages 6 and 18 attending from around the northern and central Illinois area and competing in a full slate of track and field events.

5-8 Girls

Elizabeth Patterson won the 100-meter dash with a time of 27.27 seconds and the shot put with a heave of 1.67 meters. Raven Tilton won the javelin with a mark of 4.70 meters and the long jump with a distance of 1.64 meters. Patterson took second in the long jump at 1.34 meters.

5-8 Boys

Tate Bigelow won the 100-meter dash with a time of 16.87 seconds and Chase Marruffo won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:28.00. Jonathan Hernandez won the 800-meter run with a time

of 3:32.03 and Caleb Johnson won the shot put with a heave of 3.96 meters. Marruffo won the javelin with a mark of 10.76 meters and Bigelow won the long jump with a leap of 3.31 meters.

9-10 Girls

Makynzye Bennett finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 42.86 seconds and Arabella Marruffo won the 800-meter run with a time of 3:37.81. Bennett won the shot put with a heave of 2.74 meters and Marruffo won the long jump with a distance of 2.55 meters.

9-10 Boys

Braxton Rosenthal took second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 17.64 seconds and Noah Hayden won the 200-meter dash with a time of 36.99 seconds. Owen McLaughlin won the shot put with a heave of 6.51 meters and Garrett Miller won the javelin throw with a distance of 17.49 meters. Rosenthal won the long jump with a distance of 2.98 meters.

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(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Caleb Dreska (left) and Mairin Meyers (right) sprint to the finish during the 200-meter dash at the 43rd Annual Rochelle Area Track Club Invitational on Saturday.

RTHS Football

Hubs suit up for one-week lineman camp

Returning and incoming football players share team bonding experience

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Offensive and defensive linemen shared the spotlight this past week, when the Rochelle Hub football team held its one-week lineman camp for new and returning players. The camp allowed players to improve their skills in the trenches as well as their team chemistry. “We run our skills camp during the morning, but the lineman camp is an opportunity for these guys to come out here and bond,” coach Erick Olson said. “It’s important that we have this camp and reward these guys for all of the hard work they’ll be putting in this season. They don’t score touchdowns or catch passes because we run the football as much as we can. Being a lineman for the Rochelle Hub football team isn’t an easy task because it’s smash-mouth football.” Offensive and defensive lineman, as well as tight ends, worked through blocking and formation drills during the four-day camp this past week, which kicked off on Monday before concluding on Thursday. Thursday’s session concluded with a cookout for both coaches and players.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior John Green leads a group of Rochelle Hub football players through a series of blocking drills during the team’s one-week lineman camp session this past Thursday. The camp served as a skill development and team bonding experience for new and returning players.

Olson said the focuses for linemen on both sides of the ball included physicality and proper technique.

“We’re a power-running football team so we have to be able to block and keep our pads down,” Olson said.

“We have to be physical. We break down more pass-rushing techniques and we focus on our hips and our

footwork. Getting good reps in with our pads on is important and we want to continue to build from

there. Building that team bond is really important for our linemen on both sides of the ball.”