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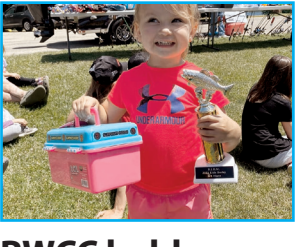
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Businesses impacted by fuel prices CSC: 'We are feeling the pinch all over the place'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Jet fuel is Chicagoland Skydiving Center's largest expense outside of payroll costs.

Like other businesses in the area and nationwide, the skydiving center located at the Rochelle Municipal Airport has been impacted by recent high fuel costs, CSC President and CEO Douglas Smith said. And higher costs of labor and goods haven't helped the situation, either.

"We are feeling the pinch all over the place," Smith said. "Our payroll has had to increase to keep employees around, all of our cost of goods have increased and of course our fuel costs are up dramatically."

CSC started out the season this year with some excess fuel from the 2021 season that it paid \$2.80 a gallon for. Once that ran out, CSC had to pay \$5.15 per gallon to take its skydivers up into the air.

To help offset higher costs of fuel, goods and labor, Smith said CSC has had to increase its prices "across the board."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Jet fuel is Chicagoland Skydiving Center's largest expense outside of payroll costs. Like other businesses in the area and nationwide, the skydiving center located at the Rochelle Municipal Airport has been impacted by high fuel costs.

"From a bottle of water to t-shirts to tandem skydives, everything is up 10-20 percent," Smith said. "Our customers have taken it in stride, but I don't believe it is sustainable."

The rise in input costs comes at an especially hard time for CSC coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think many of our customers are excited that the pandemic is slowing and are willing to spend big money to jump out

of an aircraft, but as costs increase in every aspect of life, it will put more downward pressure on expenditures like mine," Smith said.

Roy's Transfer

Local trucking company Roy's Transfer has been in Rochelle since 1961 and travels to states like Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio along with its local hauling. Owner George Bigelow

said high fuel prices have caused his business to institute a fuel surcharge.

"You have to have something like that in place to survive something like this," Bigelow said. "The surcharge is recouping a lot of the increased cost. But not all of it. I get daily fuel prices. From April 21 to this past week, my cost of fuel has gone up \$1 a gallon."

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Railfan upgrades approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its Monday meeting, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$30,750 for the retention of Willett, Hofmann & Associates for professional services related to Railroad Park gift shop improvements.

About \$135,000 worth of updates to Railfan Park are planned for the future using federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. The improvements are planned in three phases. The first phase includes restroom improvements, accessibility, fixtures and finishes, addressing freezing pipes and new doors.

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Fiegenschuh talks cannabis business in Rochelle City Manager: 'I would imagine in the future we'll see some interest'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said May 15 that the city has not had talks lately with anyone interested in opening a cannabis business in town.

Back on Jan. 1, 2020, the recreational consumption, possession and sales of cannabis products became legal in Illinois for adults.

Municipalities like the City of Rochelle went through a process to determine whether or not they would allow the five cannabis business types (dispensary, craft growing, infusion transportation and cultivation center) within city limits. After due diligence and a well-attended public meeting, the city council voted to allow them with a special use permit.

"There was some opposition to it and some support, but at the end of the day the mayor and council determined that people are going to have it in our community," Fiegenschuh said. "If we



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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can generate some tax revenue off of it, we should allow it."

The city has the ability to regulate cannabis business through its zoning. For example, dispensing is allowed by special use

in Rochelle's B-2, I-1, I-2 and I-3-zoned areas. Cultivation is allowed by special use in I-1, I-2 and I-3.

"For someone to put a business in, it would have to go before planning and

zoning and the city council," Fiegenschuh said. "It's only allowed as a special use. In that case, the planning & zoning commission can recommend any type of special requirements they'd like

to see on it like certain signage or landscaping. And the mayor and council can take those recommendations and do those things as well."

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LOCAL NEWS

O'Brien appointed as county treasurer/collector

BY BRAD JENNINGS
OGLE COUNTY LIFE EDITOR

OREGON – The Ogle County Board appointed Tiffany O'Brien as treasurer/collector at its June 21 meeting.

O'Brien was appointed to replace Linda Beck, who is resigning the office effective June 30 because she is moving to Florida.

Board Chairman John Finfrock read a proclamation declaring June 30 Linda Beck Day in the county. Board members gave her a standing ovation after the presentation.

"During my time as treasurer, I have had many rewarding experiences and have had to overcome many challenges due to COVID-19," Beck said in a separate interview. "I will cherish the friendships with county employees that I have made over the years and

appreciate the support from the County Board during my time as treasurer. I want to thank the citizens of Ogle County for the great opportunity they have given me as their county treasurer."

O'Brien will take over the position on July 1. She is running unopposed in Tuesday's Republican primary.

Other action

The board approved a \$42,500 grant to the Mt. Morris Fire Protection District. The money will be used for planning costs as the district moves toward building a new firehouse.

The overall projected cost is \$3.5 million for the new building. The district is currently using a building that was built when Calvin Coolidge was president, according to Fire Chief Rob Hough.



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Independence Day celebration planned for this weekend

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle will host its Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 2 at Cooper and Atwood Parks.

The VFW parade will start at 11 a.m. and will go from downtown to Cooper Park. Festivities at Cooper and Atwood Parks will take place from 5-10 p.m. and will include food vendors, music by the Municipal Band and fireworks at dusk. The event will include a live broadcast by 102.3 The Coyote.

A free movie in the



park will also be held on Friday, July 1 at Helms Field. The featured movie will be "Clifford the Big

Red Dog." Gates open at 8 p.m. and attendees are asked to bring blankets and lawn chairs.



Mosquito control application June 29 & 30, July 1

The City of Rochelle Street Division has announced plans for a full adulticide mosquito control application throughout the community on June 29, 30 and July 1. This application will be performed from approximately 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., weather permitting, when mosquitos are most active. Please avoid direct contact with the spray as it passes through.

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FUEL: Local businesses talk impact of rising prices

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"The worst of it has been over these past couple of months, but it's been bad since the first of the year."

Bigelow said customers of Roy's Transfer have understood the fuel surcharges and the fact that costs of fuel and more inputs are up across every industry.

"It's just one of the facts of life right now," Bigelow said. "The cost of everything has gone up. It's kind of a shame. The cost of fuel affects everybody. You have to do what you have to do to make a living. It's just part of the business. It sucks, but it's just the world we're living in."

Bigelow said he's been told by one of his fuel suppliers that prices could continue to rise in the coming months.

"And there's nothing we can do about it," Bigelow said.

Since fuel prices skyrocketed, drivers have had to be more conscious of fuel mileage and using common sense when finding the best route to a destination. Bigelow said drivers must keep their routes as short and efficient as possible and pay attention to miles, because driving more than you need to is "awfully costly."

While it's had a large impact on his business, the wide-reaching effects of fuel prices across every industry aren't lost on Bigelow.

"Sure, it affects me," Bigelow said. "But it affects everyone. The goods you purchase, that Amazon package that gets delivered to your door, everything. It's costing everyone."



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club and Bassmasters host annual fishing derby

Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club and Bassmasters hosted their annual fishing derby on Sunday, June 26. Over 100 kids signed up. Lots of fish were caught and tons of prizes were won and given away including bikes, fishing poles and tackle boxes. The Conservation Club provided a free lunch.



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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Police Department

Two arrested on county warrants

ROCHELLE — On June 22 at 7:59 p.m. Nathan P. Truckenbrod, 27, of LaMoille was cited for failure to yield turning left. He was released on an I-Bond and given a July 22 Rochelle court date.

On June 23 at 1:45 p.m. Dustin M. Hutcherson, 35 of Rochelle was arrested for violation of a no trespass order. He paid

\$100 and was released and given a Aug. 5 Ogle County court date.

On June 24 at 5:21 p.m. Donald R. Dignam, 62, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On June 24 at 1:09 p.m. Brent Beck, 22, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid

\$500 and was released with a July 15 Ogle County court date.

On June 25 at 7:35 a.m. Travis Adams, 38, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On June 26 at 8:51 a.m. Jorge Cabrera, 32, of Rochelle was arrested on two outstanding Ogle County warrants and transferred.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to single-vehicle rollover on West Pines Road

OREGON — On June 24 at approximately 11:34 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 88 near mile marker 80. After investigation, deputies arrested Esteban Villazana-Cisneros, 18, of East Moline, for driving while license suspended. Villazana-Cisneros was also issued citations for suspended registration and an equipment violation. Villazana-Cisneros was given an I-Bond on scene with a return court date later next month. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On June 25 at 3:36 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After an investigation, deputies cited Khatia Edwards, 19, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended, speeding and expired registration. Edwards was given an I-bond for her citations and was picked

up from the scene.

On June 26 at approximately 8:40 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of East Illinois Route 72 and North Limestone Road. After investigation, deputies arrested Roget Morris, 32, of Rockford, for driving while License suspended and an active Boone County warrant. Morris was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, violation of a child restraint and an equipment violation. Morris was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On June 26 at approximately 11:53 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 20,000 block of East Illinois Route 64. After investigation, deputies arrested Tommy Jones Jr., 34, of DeKalb, for driving under

the influence of alcohol. Jones Jr. was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal window tint and an equipment violation. Jones Jr. was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where he was held in lieu of bond. All subjects are presumed innocent.

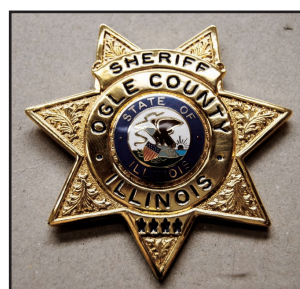
On June 26 at 6:19 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 10,000 block of West Illinois Route 64 for a report of a domestic disturbance. As a result of the subsequent investigation, deputies arrested Brennden M. Harms, 19, of Polo, for domestic battery and violation of bail bond. Harms was transported to the Ogle County Jail pending an initial appearance before a judge. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On June 26 at approximately 5:11 a.m. deputies, along with Polo Fire and EMS, responded to a single-vehicle rollover on West Pines Road near the intersection with Lowell Park Road. After investigation, Allison T. Martinez, 26, of Milledgeville, was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Martinez was also cited for improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Martinez was transported to KSB Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Martinez was



RCH Convenient Care Clinic closing for remodeling

The Convenient Care Clinic at Rochelle Community Hospital will be closed for remodeling from Saturday, July 16 through Sunday, July 31. The remodeling will help to make the space more efficient and update exam rooms.



released on an individual bond and given a future court date. All subjects are presumed innocent.

On June 26 at 6:42 a.m. deputies responded to the Casey's General Store parking lot in Creston in reference to an unresponsive subject in a vehicle. After an investigation, deputies arrested Dante Contreras, 23, of DeKalb, for driving under the influence of alcohol. Contreras was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Contreras was also cited for expired registration. All subjects are presumed innocent. Deputies were assisted by Rochelle EMS.

On June 27 at approximately 8:57 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 39 northbound at mile marker 108. After further investigation deputies arrested Ilder Castillo, 41, of Hanover Park, for driving while license suspended. Castillo was released on an I-Bond on scene. All subjects are presumed innocent.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The patriots tree will be on display at the City Hall leading up to July 4 and for a few days afterward.

Patriots tree on display at city hall

ROCHELLE — The U.S. Semi-quincentennial Commission, commonly known as the America 250 Commission, was established by Congress in 2016 to plan for and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America. The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has partnered with the America 250 Commission to help raise local awareness of this anniversary coming up just four short years from now on July 4, 2026. This patriots tree was created by the Rochelle DAR to bring attention to the men and women who supported the cause

of the American Revolution: not only those who signed the Declaration of Independence, pledging their lives, fortunes and sacred honor, but also including those who served as soldiers and sailors, those who aided the military, those who were elected officials and those taking an oath of allegiance to the new republic. The patriots tree will be on display at the Rochelle City Hall leading up to July 4 and for a few days afterward. Any business or organization that would like to display the tree at their location should contact the Rochelle Chapter at VIS.DAR.Rochelle@gmail.com.

Haas named to Wisconsin-Platteville chancellor's list

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2022 semester. The list

included Morgan Haas (music) of Rochelle.

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LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Council approves ordinance for sewer work

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Additional upgrades include removal of existing siding, trim and soffits and installing new, installing a new ramp and deck from the parking lot, installing a concrete pad for garbage can storage and installation of one new window on the east side of the building.

The agreement with the engineering firm Monday includes design phase services for the first phase of the project along with construction phase services. A proposal for the work will be brought back before the council once the city is ready to accept bids, which will likely take place late this summer or early this fall.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The council unanimously approved an ordinance accepting and approving a proposal from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for northeast area sanitary sewer relining in the amount of \$900,000.

Rochelle-U

The council unanimously authorized a memorandum of understanding with Kishwaukee College for Rochelle-U, an on-site certification program for city employees.

The program includes four courses aimed at improving skills and leadership including intro to business, intro to software, business communications and management & supervision. Courses will take place at a city facility on Tuesdays from 3-5 p.m. with one hour of additional coursework assigned outside of class per week for each semester.

“It’s a great program,” City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. “Several employees have signed up. We’ll have opportunities to

make forward leaps in leadership in the organization.”

The program will cost the city \$583 per course per student. If an employee fails to complete the course, they will be required to reimburse the city for expenses incurred. One course will be held per semester and students will receive college credit for each course towards a marketing/management associates degree. A minimum of eight students is required to run the program and currently 10 employees have expressed interest.

“There is no better place to invest money as a city or an organization than into the education of your employees,” City Councilman Tom McDermott said. “It’s a great thing.”

Sewer work

The council unanimously approved an ordinance accepting and approving a proposal from Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for northeast area sanitary sewer relining in the amount of \$900,000.

Insituform Technologies was the lowest of four bids at \$675,953 and was 4.6 percent under the engineer’s cost estimate. The city then decided to line an additional 3,000 feet. A grant will cover \$550,000 of the work, making the city’s total cost \$350,000.

Audit

The council heard a presentation on an audit done for its fiscal year of 2021 and unanimously accepted it and placed it on file.

The auditor’s opinion indicated that the financial statements “present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Rochelle.”

“I think the staff has done a great job,” Fiegenschuh said. “We’re in great shape financially and we’re reinvesting back into our infrastructure.”

RMU billing

The council unanimously approved an update to its code pertaining to utility billing that was necessitated by a change in software.

The changes include changing a requirement

for a deposit to a \$60 nonrefundable activation fee for all new customers or customers that have not had service in more than 12 months, Rochelle Municipal Utilities now has the right to send property owners notices of unpaid bills and disconnects, the city manager or his designee may waive late fees for up to three billing periods for residential customers, returned checks will result in a \$35 dollar fee, and the removal of serious illness disconnection language.

Mayor John Bearrows said RMU having the ability to work with local customers that are having difficulties is one advantage to having a local utility.

Fiegenschuh said that at the end of August, late fees

will go back into effect after being waived during the pandemic.

Parking

The council unanimously approved an ordinance change that will allow overnight parking on Cherry Avenue. Complaints received by city staff led to discussions about the issue. Prior to Monday, parking on the street was prohibited from 2-5 a.m.

“The amended ordinance will allow for residents to park near their homes,” the meeting’s agenda packet said. “Additionally, allowing parking during these times may alleviate some intoxicated driving as no citations will be issued for cars that are left on site.”

CANNABIS: City manager discusses potential dispensaries in Rochelle

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Fiegenschuh said the city did receive interest in the idea of opening a cannabis business back during the lead up to the legalization and for a time after it. Since then, it hasn’t heard back from the individuals that reached out.

“I think there’s a large investment that’s required to get your state license,” Fiegenschuh said. “And maybe the pandemic played a part in that. We had some folks reaching out to us about cultivation, which I think is a great idea

because they use a lot of power and we want to sell them power. But then the pandemic hit and we just haven’t heard back from those folks.”

The city and Rochelle Municipal Utilities do sell power to PharmaCann, LLC, a cultivation center at 16274 Twombly Road in Hillcrest, which grows medical cannabis and was built in September 2015.

Rochelle also receives some dedicated revenue from the state that was part of the cannabis legalization that is based on community size. Fiegenschuh said he

believes the number is around \$10,000 per year and must be spent on public safety. The city uses that money to help fund the police budget.

Fiegenschuh said he “would imagine” that the city will see interest in a cannabis business in the future.

“Who knows with the pandemic finally being over,” Fiegenschuh said. “If you do your research and look at the amount of tax revenue that cannabis generates for the state, it’s pretty significant. We just haven’t seen interest up

until now.”

Rockford has multiple recreational cannabis dispensaries. DeKalb expects to get at least one in the near future. Like retail businesses that look to locate in areas like Rochelle, the city manager believes a cannabis dispensary would look at the retail trade area when considering where to set up shop.

“They look at how much is being spent in that retail trade area,” Fiegenschuh said. “If you’re wanting to put one in Rochelle, you have to look at how much money is leaving the

community, and if you’re going to invest that kind of money, are you going to be able to retain that in the community? They want to make sure there’s a return on the investment they place.”

A cannabis dispensary would generate “significant” sales tax for the city and the benefit of a cultivation center would be RMU being able to sell it power to help rates for residents remain stable or lower, Fiegenschuh said.

When the council made the decision to allow cannabis businesses with a

special use permit, discussions were had about not only supplementing the city’s budget with those dollars, but allocating them towards community needs, Fiegenschuh said.

“We do grant money out to local organizations and maybe we could create a new grant program,” Fiegenschuh said. “If we got one, we’d talk about not relying on it for supplementing our budget, but to use it like we do gaming revenue for a specified use. I think there would definitely be some potential positive community impacts there.”

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Why we celebrate on July 4

We are having a great time at the Library this summer! Our Summer Reading program is going well and we are so happy to see all of our patrons. Our book bucks are available and continue to be one of our most popular items. Remember, you must check out a book to get a book buck. We will have make and take activity projects throughout the week of June 27-July 2. Regular programs will begin again the week of July 4. The library will be open from noon to 5 p.m. on July 2. During the morning hours of July 2, we will be closed so our staff can participate in the Fourth of July parade. We will be closed July 3 and 4. Make sure you wave at us at the parade and come visit us the afternoon of July 2.



Sarah Flanagan

opted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4 has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2022 is on Monday, July 4. John Adams believed that July 2 was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4 events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 — the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.” (<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>)

We have materials regarding the Fourth of July, the American Revolution, Continental Congress, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the Declaration of Independence. There are over 60,000 volumes in the building and more offered digitally. We want our community to come in and see what the library is all about. If you read you gain knowledge that will help you form opinions and make decisions that will impact you throughout your life. Knowledge is power. Come to the library and remember your library card. We are one of the coolest places in town. Happy Fourth of July!

Sarah Flanagan is the director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library District.

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

When traveling into Chicago, do you take the train or drive?

“Drive. Last time I took the train after a White Sox game was pretty scary.”

Jimmy Rot

“Train.”

Dawn Estes Johnson

“Car every day since 2006.”

Jeff Neece

“Drive!”

Sorayda Felix-Maciell

“Drive.”

Mark G Schabacker

A gold mine for Illinois political junkies

I recently went looking for a nugget and found a gold mine.

Let me explain. I visited the website of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum a few weeks ago to track down information on a former Illinois lawmaker from its oral history collection. I emerged several hours later delighted, stimulated and eager for a return trip.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is a remarkable institution, serving as a kind of mecca for those interested in our 16th president. It offers unmatched resources about Lincoln but also has plenty of other materials about Illinois politics and government. Among other things, the library has a remarkable oral history collection, which it says is “dedicated to preserving the stories and memories of Illinois’s citizens, not just the famous and prominent among us.”

The library has conducted more than 1,000 interviews for its oral history project, including conversation with veterans, farmers, civil rights activists, athletes and politicians. It has more than 200 interviews about Illinois government and politics. Major topics include the battle for the Equal Rights Amendment, the state’s pension crisis, Barack Obama’s years in Illinois, Ronald Reagan’s youth in Dixon, reflections of legislators and journalists, and the

administrations of Dan Walker, Jim Thompson, Jim Edgar and Pat Quinn.

During my foray into the oral history collection, I came across some gems. For example:

Abner Mikva

Mikva served in both the Illinois and U.S. House of Representatives and as a federal judge and White House legal counsel. Mikva recalls trying as a federal judge to hire Barack Obama as a law clerk. Obama had other plans, but the two men later became colleagues and friends at the University of Chicago Law School. Mikva says Obama was a “fabulous teacher” and “an incredibly effective state senator.” Mikva says that Obama ran a “miserable” campaign for the U.S. House in 2000 and pondered leaving politics. However, Obama persisted and launched a longshot bid to win the U.S. Senate seat in 2004. Obama ran a strong campaign and had good luck when two formidable contenders dropped out of the race because of personal scandals. Then Barack Obama gave an amazing speech in Boston at the Democratic National Convention — and the rest is history.



John Shaw

for governor in 1994. In her interview, Netsch describes political campaigns as an “opportunity to educate” the public on important issues. She believes candidates should explain complex issues, identify a range of solutions and endorse a policy. This view of campaigns has largely disappeared, especially with the arrival of 30-second attack ads. But Netsch argues that this approach respects voters and strengthens our democracy.

Christine Radogno

Radogno was a Republican state senator from 1997 to 2017 and the Senate GOP leader from 2009 to 2017. In her interview, she describes the frustration of working with a governor of her own party, Bruce Rauner, who was a “disruptor” rather than a deal maker. “He made himself irrelevant by not compromising,” she says. Radogno vividly describes her effort to assemble a Grand Bargain with Senate Democratic Leader John Cullerton to end the protracted budget stalemate of 2015-2017. Radogno’s effort failed, and she resigned from the Senate. But she said the serious bipartisan negotiations were “such a pleasant experience. This is how it should be.”

Mike Lawrence

Lawrence was a vet-

eran journalist, press secretary and the second director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Lawrence left the Edgar administration in the summer of 1997 to come to the Institute but continued to informally advise the governor. That summer, Edgar agonized over three options for his future: run for a third term as governor in 1998, seek a U.S. Senate seat or retire from politics. To help Edgar decide, Lawrence wrote a draft speech for each of the alternatives. As Edgar read the speech announcing his retirement, he grew emotional. He later told Lawrence that he knew “intellectually” this was the right decision, but that it was very hard to leave a job he loved.

As I listened to these interviews, I was struck by the clear voices, compelling personalities and wonderful stories that emerged. This oral history collection really brings Illinois history to life. Audio from every interview is available online at OralHistory.Illinois.gov

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COMMUNITY

Boardman, Crandall to wed Sept. 3

DIXON — Mackenzie Crandall and Brent Boardman, both of Dixon, will marry on Sept. 3 in Winchester, Wisconsin.

Crandall is the daughter of Curt and Heidi Mann of Rochelle and Kevin and Rhonda Crandall of Rochelle. Boardman is the son of Bruce and Cathy Boardman of Rochelle.

Crandall attended Rochelle Township High School and graduated in 2012. She graduated from Northern Illinois University in 2016 with a bachelor of science in nursing. She works as a registered nurse at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

Boardman attended RTHS and graduated in 2001. He graduated from Illinois State University in 2005 with a bachelor of science in kinesiology. He works at Ryder Transportation as a human resources coordinator.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 29**
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July 1
Kevin Eggenburg
Jason Losoya
Gage Sullivan

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Mark Gilliam

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Dena Koker

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Tarah Wooten
Vallory Lopez
Xander Gonzales

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Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Chantilly, e.g.

5 Chicken —

9 Leg, in slang

12 Mr. Stravinsky

13 Sparkling Italian wine

14 Have bills

15 Bouncing toy

17 Retrieve

18 Ruby and Sandra

19 Apple products

21 Buy more Time?

24 Handle

25 New Mexico resort

26 Monotonous

30 Work unit

31 Chair designer Charles

32 Odometer start

33 Winter road clearer

35 Remain

36 Church area

37 Buckwheat porridge

38 Physicist Enrico

40 Slightly

42 White House nickname

43 Company emblems

48 Grazing land

49 Scott Turow

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29 Maja painter

31 Delta follower

34 Typing speed stat

35 Nymph pursuers

37 Tool set

38 Dossier

39 Stretches (out)

40 Baseball's Tommie

41 Weevil's target

44 Music's Yoko

45 "Ulalume" writer

46 Computer key

47 Filming site

DOWN

1 Back talk

2 In the past

3 Gear tooth

4 Wears away

5 Winslet of "Titanic"

6 Egyptian deity

7 List-ending abbr.

8 Minnesota

9 '60s footwear

10 Dumbstruck

11 Citi Field team

16 Stitch

20 Not neg.

21 Numbered rds.

22 Deserve

23 Restricted zones

24 Recognized

26 Shopper's delight

27 "As I see it," to a texter

28 Ancient mariner

book

Valentine flower

Curvy letter

Yuletide tune

Faction

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **V** equals **W**

VLJ DYM WNIG UNOTI VLN
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AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ
WDYFHPDO.

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Answer

Because their work is usually marginal.

Why are most folks who answer

CryptoQuip

King Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

PRIME TIME

How to make new friends after turning 50

THE early years of midlife are a hectic time for many people. Around the time many people reach their late 30s and early 40s, they're balancing the responsibilities of a career and a family. But as people enter their 50s, some of those responsibilities tend to be less significant, leaving more time for recreational pursuits.

Hobbies and other pursuits outside of work are often more fun when enjoyed with friends. People over 50 undoubtedly recognize that it's not always so easy to make new friends, even though it's undeniably beneficial to have supportive relationships into your golden years. A 2017 study from researchers at Michigan State University found that valuing friendships was a stronger predictor of health and happiness among older adults than valuing family. Those results align with an earlier Australian study that found Australians age 70 or older tended to live significantly longer if they had more strong friendships.

Making friends after 50 might not be as simple as it was during your school days, but these strategies can help men and women in midlife build new friendships.

Identify your interests. Fiftysomethings who have spent the last couple of decades building a career and raising a family can give some serious thought to their interests outside of work or passions they hope to pursue now that they have more time to commit to such pursuits. The more interested you are in a given activity, the more likely you are to stick with it. And the longer you stick with something, the more likely you are to meet like-minded individuals (i.e., future friends) willing to make similar commitments.

Utilize social media. In years past, men and women over 50 may not have had any readily available tools to reach out and connect with new people. Social media has made it much easier to build such connections. Even the most obscure passions likely have a



social media group of locals devoted to them, and these groups can be great ways to meet new people. A local runner's club may have its own social media accounts, and local governments and community groups often share information about sports leagues and other groups via social media.

Sign up for group outings. Communities often sponsor group outings to museums, the theater, sporting events, and other day trips. Signing up for a bus trip to a local museum presents a great opportunity to meet people who share your interests, providing the potential to build lasting friendships

built on a foundation of shared interests.

Broaden your horizons. Just because you're in your 50s doesn't mean your friends have to be. Don't hesitate to invite younger or older acquaintances and colleagues over for dinner or on weekend excursions. Friends come in all shapes, sizes and ages, so you could be missing out if you're not willing to extend a hand in friendship to people of different ages and backgrounds.

Making friends after 50 can be challenging. However, various strategies can help men and women over 50 connect with new people.

Five ways to show seniors they're appreciated

SENIOR citizens account for a significant percentage of the overall population. Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau released in 2020 indicate the nation's 65-and-older population had grown by more than one-third over the preceding decade. By 2050, the number of senior citizens is expected

to be close to 90 million. As of 2021, Statistics Canada reported there were roughly 7.1 million persons age 65 and older living in Canada.

People are living longer than ever, and as individuals age, the demand for senior services continues to grow — as does the need to be patient and respect the elderly.

There are many ways to show seniors just how much they're appreciated.

Help with chores. Lend a hand with chores around the house that may have grown difficult for seniors. This can include mowing the lawn, weeding garden beds, shoveling snow, raking leaves, or even taking the garbage pails in and out on collection days.

Visit more often. Frequent visits are one of the simplest ways to show seniors you care. Whether seniors live in a private home or managed care facility, visitors brighten their days, especially if they no longer get out and about as frequently as they once did. Spending time together and sharing stories can bring smiles to

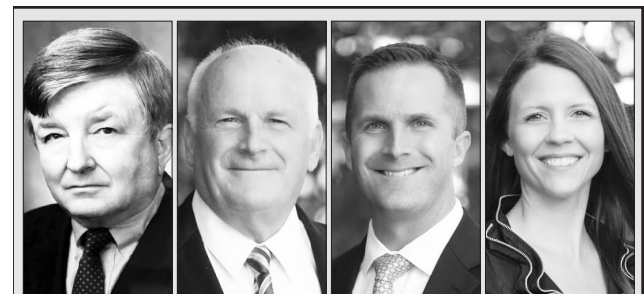
the faces of older adults.

Plan activities with seniors in mind. When organizing parties and special events, consider the needs of seniors on the guest list. Add music from their era to playlists or DJ requests. Seat seniors with mobility issues near exits and restrooms. Make sure to arrange for photos with the guest of honor to keep family history alive.

Thank seniors. Find any reason to thank a senior. Perhaps someone served in the military or volunteered their time with children. Celebrate accomplishments big and small with a simple "thank you."

Prepare a meal. Invite a special senior over for a home-cooked meal with the family. Make it a regular occurrence on the calendar. If he or she cannot get out easily, bring a hot meal over to his or her place, instead.

Simple gestures of gratitude and appreciation can brighten a senior's day and let that person know he or she has not been forgotten.



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SPORTS



BASLER BACK AT RTHS

RTHS alum Marshall Basler set to become next head athletic trainer at high school.

See page 2 for more details

Rochelle Little League

Tournament tees off

VFW takes down Kiwanis, Rotary upsets Central Bank in quarterfinal round

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Little League's Major League City Championship tournament teed off with the quarterfinals on Monday. No. 5 seed Rotary defeated No. 4 seed Central Bank 13-3, while No. 3 seed VFW cruised over No. 6 seed Kiwanis 16-0 to reach the semifinal round.

Rotary will advance to face No. 1 seed Lions and VFW will move on to battle No. 2 seed Firemen.

Game 1

Rotary (4-10) scored two runs in the top of the first inning, with Dayton Mellor reaching home on a passed ball before Sebastian Albertson drove in Nolan Zick with an RBI single. Rotary added three runs in the top of the second inning, where Mellor brought Jaxon Quinonez home on an RBI single up the middle and Eli Schweitzer sent a two-RBI single through the right side.

Rotary extended its lead in the top of the third inning, scoring four runs to surge ahead 9-0. An error and an RBI infield single from Danny Wixom plated two runners before Aidan Lopez smashed the ball into center field to plate two more runners. Riley Smith singled for Central

Bank's first hit of the evening during the bottom of the third inning. Smith then advanced to second on a wild pitch before scoring on an error to end the shut-out for Central Bank (8-8).

Gabe Bybee recorded two RBIs on a groundout to first base for Central Bank in the bottom of the fourth inning. Rotary responded with two runs on an RBI double from Schweitzer and an RBI single from Lopez in the top of the fifth inning to make the score 11-3. Rotary added two insurance runs in the top of the sixth inning, where Braylon Wells singled and scored on an RBI triple by Gavyn Foster. Schweitzer then drew a bases-loaded walk for another Rotary run.

Schweitzer threw five innings for Rotary, striking out 12 batters and allowing only two earned runs on three hits. Schweitzer also finished with five RBIs, while Mellor scored four runs in the game. Mellor and Lopez each totaled three hits, while Quinonez and Axel Alsop scored twice. Three players including Smith, Trentin Neale and Reed Dougherty scored runs for Central Bank.

See BOYS page 3



Jaxon Quinonez (left) and No. 5 seed Rotary scored a 13-3 win over Maddex Jackson (right) and No. 4 seed Central Bank during the quarterfinals of the Major League Boys City Championship tournament Monday.

Rochelle Rampage

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Rochelle Rampage 9U baseball team wins 14th Annual Diamond Classic in Belvidere

The Rochelle Rampage 9U baseball team competed at the 14th Annual Diamond Classic in Belvidere this past weekend, winning the tournament with a 2-0 record. Rochelle defeated the Storm Chasers 9U team 12-4 in the semifinal round before edging the Midwest Future Prospects 9U team 15-14 in the finals to win the tournament. The team includes Brantley Koenig, Brycen Williams, Devin Hansen, Dominic Escatel, Eli Thompson, Gavin Smith, Grange Kissack, Jimmy Chadwick, Noah Hayden, Riley Heal, Tanner Dixon and Tanner Williams. The team is coached by Andrew Koenig, Tim Hayden, Dan Escatel and Adam Heal.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT

RTHS hires Basler as next athletic trainer

WHEN Marshall Basler learned that Rochelle Township High School was looking to hire its next head athletic trainer, the former Hub student-athlete knew he couldn't let the opportunity slide.

Basler, who attended RTHS from 2009-2013 and played football for the Hubs, found out last month that longtime head athletic trainer Mark Lovell was resigning after 15 years at RTHS. Presented with a rare chance to return to his alma mater, Basler threw his name into the ring and was ultimately hired to become the next head athletic trainer at RTHS. Basler, who previously served as the athletic trainer at Belvidere, will begin his tenure at RTHS on July 14.

"I was in disbelief because I knew that Mark had been at RTHS for a very long time," Basler said. "I suddenly began thinking about whether or not returning to RTHS was something I could do and I had a few individuals reach out to me and ask me what I was thinking... I definitely loved the opportunity to come back to the high school I attended and this decision feels right to me. I'm excited to work with the next generation of athletes and give back to the community."

Basler graduated from RTHS in 2013 before continuing his academics and his football career at Aurora University, where he spent two seasons with the football team and earned his bachelor's degree in 2017. After finishing his studies at Aurora University, Basler served as the athletic trainer at Lisle Senior High School before beginning his two-year stint at Belvidere High School.

"I feel like I'm ready to serve the community," Basler said. "My previous experiences have been great for my confidence and I feel very confident that I can serve this community in whatever way it may need. My experiences have been an affirmation of my education at Aurora University and they've also been of my skills and everything I've acquired are more than acceptable."

Basler's interest in athletic training was sparked when he suffered a torn ACL during his junior football season at RTHS. During that time, Basler formed a relationship with Lovell, who helped him through his pre



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School alum Marshall Basler has been hired as the school's next head athletic trainer.

and post-surgery rehabilitation. A second ACL injury during college led Basler to hang up his cleats in order to focus on his academics and a career in athletic training.

"I saw how Mark worked with the other kids and I began asking more questions," Basler said. "I spent a lot of time with Mark and I really enjoyed my experience working with him. I became really interested in athletic training and Mark gave me some great advice on where I could get started if athletic training was something I really wanted to do. As time moved forward, I felt more and more certain that athletic training was something I wanted to do as a career."

Basler, whose younger brother Max serves as an assistant for the RTHS football team, said he's looking forward to giving back to the Rochelle community. Basler, who grew up in Kings and attended kindergarten through eighth grade at Kings School, also said that each of his experiences as a professional athletic trainer have prepared him to take over the helm at RTHS.

"What struck me the most when I reflected on my time playing sports at RTHS was the amount of time and care that the coaches, the parents and the community gave to support the kids," Basler said. "There was a whole lot to be thankful for and there were a whole lot of people who really cared. Having the opportunity to now do that myself is something that I'm going to relish. I'm excited to give back to the community I grew up in and the community I'm a product of."

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SPORTS

BOYS: Major League tournament quarterfinals held Monday

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Game 2

VFW (10-6) exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the first inning. Vaughn Manning led off with an inside-the-park home run to left field before Quentin Ansteth delivered a two-RBI double to center field, scoring Kolton Cragin and AJ Milan. Christopher Nambo followed with a two-RBI triple, making the score 5-0 before Manning reached on an RBI infield single to second base.

RBI singles from Cragin and Milan gave VFW an 8-0 lead late in the first inning, with Ryley Ginn bringing Cragin home on an RBI infield single for

the ninth run of the frame. VFW sealed its win with seven runs in the top of the second inning. Christopher Nambo reached on a hit-by-pitch and stole home, making the score 10-0 before VFW scored five consecutive runs on bases-loaded walks. Elijah Good followed with an RBI single to right field for the final run.

Good and Ginn combined to hold Kiwanis to two hits in the game, striking out four batters over three innings. John Williams and Tyler Sutton each recorded hits for Kiwanis (0-13). Manning and Cragin each scored three runs for VFW, while Ansteth and Nambo each totaled three RBIs.



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Vaughn Manning (right) and No. 3 seed VFW defeated Colin McCullough (left) and No. 6 seed Kiwanis during the quarterfinal round of the Major League Boys City Championship tournament Monday evening.

Rochelle Little League

All-Star rosters and schedules released

Rochelle fielding five baseball teams, two softball teams this postseason

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Little League has revealed All-Star rosters and schedules for the 2022 season.

10U Softball

The team includes Helen Miller, Makayla Waters, Lilyan Erickson, Mackenzie Johnson, Cali Metzger, Mayson Smardo, Misha Krawcewicz, Jaelyn Gonzales, Sophia Mueller, Annalyce Harris, Elise Hardcastle and Brynn Stinnett. The team is coached by John Gonzales and Adam Erickson. The team will play its first game against Freeport on Wednesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. The District

19 Championship tournament will be held at the Westwood Sports Complex in Sterling.

12U Softball

The team includes Chloe Escatel, Aeriss Williams, Isadora Hueramo, Alexa Soto, Phelisity Lopez, Maya Esparza, Ella Behrens, Magdalene Good, Clara Millard, Mackenzie Taylor, Alyssa Simental, Reese Kissack, Jaylyn Pointer and Preslee Sanders. The team is coached by Ally Reish, Abby Reish, Kevin Behrens and Dan Escatel. The team will play its first game against Rock Falls on Wednesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. The tournament will be held at Floyd J. Tilton Park in Rochelle.

10U Baseball

The team includes Kamden Kessen, Dominic Escatel, Chase Brown, Landon Johnson, Brantley Koenig, Grange Kissack, Devin Hansen, Riley Heal, Tanner Williams, Brayson Bouland, Bentley Etes, Eli Thompson, Jaxon Quinonez and Easton Cunningham. The team is coached by Manny Lopez, Adam Heal and Scott Etes. The team will play its first tournament game against Sterling on Thursday, July 7 at 8 p.m. The district tournament will be played at Read Park in Freeport.

11U Baseball

The team includes Joey Chadwick, Elijah Good, Sergio Cervantes, No-

lan Zick, Kolton Cragin, Declan McKinney, Gabe Bybee, Teddy Millard, Maddex Jackson, Jasper Macklin, Mikey Chadwick, Quentin Ansteth, Vaughn Manning and Christopher Nambo. The team is coached by Corey Ansteth, Mike Chadwick and Paul Chadwick. The team will play its first tournament game against Sterling on Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m. The game will be played at Floyd J. Tilton Park.

12U Baseball

The team includes Luke Chadwick, Maddox Hueramo, Danny Garcia, Riley Smith, Tyson Pavlak, Brayden Harley, Elijah Schweitzer, Jace Spears, Bo Lundquist, Korbin Milos,

Dayton Mellor, John Williams, Bentley Sveta and AJ Milan. The team is coached by Henry Bunger, Nick Spears and Dave Williams. The team will play its first game against Rock Falls on Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. The District 19 Championship tournament will be played at Wallingford Park in Rock Falls.

Junior League

The team includes Marcus Hansen, Mark Green, Reece Harris, Luke Dickey, Angel Argueta, Declan McGee, Caden Goodwin, Warren Schweitzer, Bobby Tourdot, Jonathan Andrist, Trenton Cunningham, Connor Hunley and Andrew Huerta. The team will play its first game against

Freeport on Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m. The District 19 Championship tournament will be at Dillon Park in Rock Falls.

Senior League

The team includes Braden Behrens, Daniel Betancourt, Chandler Cunningham, Van Gerber, Ethan Goodwin, James Hook, Braden Hunley, Trent Kreider, Matthew Lynn, Brode Metzger, Ryan Senne, Parker Slattengren, Evan Stinnett, Robert Stoffel, Antonio Trenado and Dylan Whaley. The team will play its first game against Sterling on Friday, July 8 at 6 p.m. The District 19 Championship tournament will be played at Gartner Park in Sterling.

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DATE: June 13, 2022.
/s/ Lee A. Metzger, Executor
No. 0625 (June 22, 29, July 6)

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Anyone (18 years or older) interested in this position should apply in person at the Rochelle News-Leader office, 211 Hwy. 38 E., Rochelle, IL 61068.

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Saturday July 23rd, 2022
10:00 a.m.

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Coed Rookie League teams take the field for final week of games at May School

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