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Rochelle facing firefighter shortage

‘These are serious situations that we need people to help with’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville has been with the department for 42 years. He recalls a time when it had a waiting list to be on its paid on-call roster.

At one point Rochelle Fire had 35 paid on-call firefighters. It is now down to 15. The Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, which has stations in Flagg Center, Steward, Hillcrest and Creston and partners with Rochelle Fire, had 80 paid on-call members at one point and is now in the 50s across all four stations.

Fire departments locally, statewide and nationally are seeing a shortage of paid on-call and volunteer firefighters. Legislation has been introduced in Springfield to help combat that by providing a \$500 state income tax credit for volunteer emergency workers who earn less than \$10,000 in stipends for their service to fire departments.

Rochelle Fire relies on a combination of full-time and paid on-call firefighters. Ogle-Lee is entirely paid on-call members.



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“Right now, for reasons that I don’t understand, you can’t find anyone,” Sawlsville said. “Nobody wants to volunteer as a firefighter and nobody wants to show up as a paid on-call firefighter. All across the state you’re

seeing departments raising hourly rates and offering sign-on bonuses. They’re doing everything they can to try to get volunteers. And it’s not working.”

Eighty percent of firefighting in Illinois is done by volunteers or paid on-

call personnel. Volunteers work strictly for no money or stipends in some cases. Paid on-call personnel are paid per call. Sawlsville said using those methods saves taxpayers in the state “millions and millions” of dollars by not having to pay

for salaries and benefits of more full-time firefighters.

He’s unsure what the answer to fixing the shortage is, but he believes it will involve some thinking outside the box.

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GRACE Association talks potential new school

Pastor Blan: ‘The first thing we need is parents’ participation’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — On Thursday, an informational meeting was held at Calvary Lighthouse Church about the possibility of bringing a GRACE Association pre-K through 12th grade Christian private school to Rochelle in the future.

According to its website, GRACE was established in 2021 in response to parents seeking an alternative to public school education and is “an association consisting of a network of independently-run schools united in a principle framework that supports traditional values, ensuring a cohesive standard; so that parents can confidently enroll their child for an optimal in-person learning experience.”

The GRACE acronym stands for Gracefully Reclaiming A Conservative Education. Its website says it has an active school in Channahon, Illinois with other in-state projected openings in Romeoville, Wooddale, Wilmington,



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Arlington Heights, St. Charles, Lombard/Villa Park, Hanover Park, Oswego, Aurora, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Chicago and Naperville. GRACE is having a similar

informational meeting in Sterling this week.

Its Founder and President, Pastor Randy Blan, spoke to parents at the Rochelle meeting Thursday and answered questions.

“We’re going to do everything we can within our power and our ability to start as many schools as we can to give parents an opportunity to make a decision and do something,” Blan said.

Blan said in order for a school to come to Rochelle, the first thing GRACE needs is parents’ participation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Shining Star: ‘We help them have a voice’

Dixon advocacy center has helped close to 300 children in Lee, Ogle counties

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

DIXON — In the past year, Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center has helped close to 300 children in Lee and Ogle Counties. The nonprofit organization has been in operation for 20 years and has worked with close to 3,000 children.

Shining Star, which is based in Dixon, works with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and law enforcement when there are issues of physical and sexual abuse of children. When there is an open case, Shining Star has its own location where children can be interviewed in a warm environment by trained staff. It also provides counseling, court advocacy, community resources and more.

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. On Friday, Shining Star staff members marked the beginning of the month by wearing blue to spread awareness. Shining Star Executive Director Jessica Cash said the organization has five full-time staff members dedicated to helping kids work through trauma and to have a voice.

“Our goal is to turn them into survivors instead of victims,” Cash said. “We don’t want them to be a victim their whole life. We want them to be a survivor and go on to thrive in life and do what they need to do to have



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center staff from left to right: Family Advocate Tracy Greenwalt, Counselor Marissa Krager, Social Work Intern Delaney Wilhelm, Counselor Katie Kalina and Executive Director Jessica Cash. Not pictured is Forensic Interviewer Kindra Plett.

a healthy life. All of us, that’s our passion, helping these kids. A lot of times they don’t have a voice in what happened to them. When they come here, we help them have that voice by telling their story in an interview and by working through it in counseling so that they feel like they are heard and believed.”

Shining Star’s facility includes a child-friendly waiting room, a medical exam room with access to specialized physicians, a

kitchen with food on hand for children in need and counseling offices with two full-time counselors for children as well as their family members.

When Cash started with Shining Star in 2014, it had two full-time staff members and one part-time staff member. That has grown along with the number of cases it works and the need for services.

Because it had such an influx of Ogle County cases, Shining Star opened

a counseling office in Oregon in February to better serve the county.

“Because it is hard for families like the ones from Rochelle to get all the way over here every week for counseling,” Cash said. “We saw that need. That’s been a new addition that’s been great for Ogle County. We are often in court in Ogle County advocating for victims. A lot of times there are trials where the defendant will have family on their side, but the kids

don’t always have that. We want to be that face in court and know that kid has someone there for them as well.”

Cash believes a few things have contributed to the recent increase in child abuse that Shining Star has seen. Children are getting more education on reporting and kids have come forward after Erin’s Law presentations in school. The COVID-19 pandemic caused families to spend more time in their homes.

“We’ve seen a lot of physical abuse cases increase,” Cash said. “I think everyone is stressed with the current conditions of society and there’s been a lot more physical abuse cases from discipline and things like that. I think that’s contributed a lot. For two years everyone was kind of shut in together and kids weren’t going to school and a lot of reports come out in school.”

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City cleanup drop-off day April 23

ROCHELLE – The City of Rochelle will host a city-wide cleanup drop-off day for Rochelle residents on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at the street department facility near the corner of 1st Avenue and Caron Road. Those dropping off items will be required to show a photo ID with address.

Acceptable items for drop-off include electronics such as: televisions, monitors, printers, computers, fax machines, keyboards, electronic mice, VCRs, portable digital music players, video game consoles, small scale servers, scanners,



digital converter boxes, cable and satellite receivers and DVD players.

Other bulk items such as furniture and household trash may also be dropped off at this event. Street department staff will be available to assist with unloading of items.

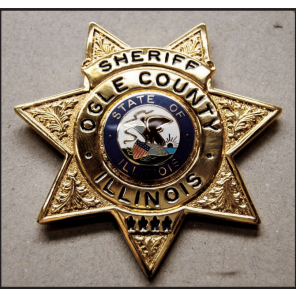
For questions, please call city hall at 815-562-6161.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

OREGON — April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to remind motorists to “Drop It and Drive.”

“Texting while driving puts everyone on the road at risk by distracting a driver visually, manually and cognitively,” Sheriff Brian VanVickle said. “During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, we’re working to increase awareness of these dangers and encourage all motorists to give driving their full attention.”

At a time when traffic fatalities are on the rise in Illinois and across the coun-



try, The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office is committed to reducing the traffic crashes caused by distractions like texting or talking on a cell phone. Motorists can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement zones the entire month of April. The Ogle County Sheriff’s Office will be ticketing drivers who text or use their cell phones while driving.

The distracted driving campaign is administered by IDOT with federal traffic safety funds.

LOCAL NEWS

GRACE: Meeting held at Calvary Lighthouse Church

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“As long as we have that and you’re willing to help us in a community we don’t know anything about,” Blan said. “We need a building and enrollment. After that, we’ll do everything else. Once that happens, we’ll move forward with it.”

Enrollment numbers and requirements at a potential GRACE school in Rochelle will depend on building availability and cost, Blan said. In other schools it’s started, churches have given GRACE a building at no cost besides it paying utilities and insurance. In other communities, it has purchased buildings.

“It’s really going to

depend and every community is different,” Blan said. “Our goal is to do it at the lowest possible cost we can.”

Tuition at other GRACE schools has ranged from \$4,000-8,000, Blan said. For its curriculum, GRACE utilizes Abeka Book, LLC, which produces K-12 curriculum materials that are used by Christian schools and homeschooling families around the world. The GRACE curriculum also includes chapel and family time for students and bible class.

Blan said for its teachers, GRACE requires them to hold a bachelor’s degree or be working towards one.

“We want all of our

teachers to be Christian because we use a faith-based curriculum,” Blan said. “We’re not having a hard time finding teachers.”

Every parent of a GRACE student is required to volunteer 15 hours of their time per student with a maximum of 30 hours per parent. Parents are free to come to GRACE schools to visit or sit in on classes, Blan said.

GRACE’s educational approach includes offering the full range of classes for every age of students.

“It has to be pre-K through 12th grade for me,” Blan said. “I want to get these students in and learning as young as we can.”



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Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, welcomes new members

The Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution recently welcomed new members Sue Andrew, Sherrie Taylor and Millie Dutchoff. DAR encourages membership interest by any women aged 18 years or older, who can demonstrate direct lineage to an individual who supported the American cause during the Revolutionary War. Above at left are Regent Laurie Perry, Sue Andrew, Sherrie Taylor and District II Chaplain Debby Katzman. Above at right are Millie Dutchoff (center) with Regent Laurie Perry (left) and Chaplain Mary Lou Kator (right).

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Eagle’s Nest art group show coming this month

OREGON — Eagle’s Nest Art Group invites the public to attend its annual Spring Membership Art Show on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, April 23-24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The show continues on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The ENAG gallery is on the second floor of Conover Square Mall, located at 201 N. Third St., Oregon. An elevator is available.

Come for the Opening Reception on Saturday, April 23 from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. to enjoy an afternoon of local art. Artists will be on hand to welcome you. Refreshments will be served.

The show consists of over 50 pieces of art, representing a wide variety of media: oil, acrylic & watercolor paintings, glass work, pottery, gourd art, calligraphy, drawing and jewelry.

In support of the *Hands On Oregon* project, ENAG is selling specially-marked art pieces with all of the proceeds going to help with the work of this non-for-profit community

project.

The annual art show is dedicated to celebrating the long history of art in this community. The Eagle’s Nest Art Group began in 1957 and continues to support the work of local artists with art shows, programs and classes. More information about the group will be available at the show.

The shops of Conover Square will be open during show hours. The show is free. Parking is plentiful.

For more information call (815) 732-7783 or (815) 734-6594.



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Portion of Lincoln Highway will be closed April 11-13

ROCHELLE—Lincoln Highway between Fourth Avenue and Fifth Avenues will be closed to traffic on April 11-13 for a water service replacement for two downtown buildings.

This project was orig-

inally scheduled for the week of April 4, but has been rescheduled due to the weather forecast.

Advance warning, detour and other temporary traffic control devices will be posted near the affected

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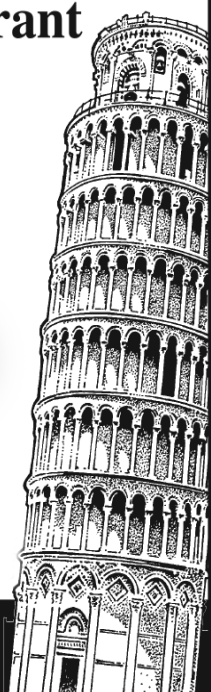
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Obituaries

Janice (Stokesberry) Beermann

MARCUS, Iowa — Janice (Stokesberry) Beermann passed away on March 30 surrounded by family after her third recurrence of cancer. Jan was born June 1, 1935 to James and Garnet (Krouse) Stokesberry in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She graduated from Oelwein High School and then from UNI, with a teaching certificate. She was united in marriage to Gary C. Beermann, her faithful husband of 62 years, on Oct. 19, 1957.

While she had many roles in her life; daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and teacher, her favorite was probably grandmother! Family was everything to Jan, always putting them as the top priority, a trait she learned from her mother. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren knew they were loved and treasured. Her friends knew that as well, as she enjoyed sharing her home, hosting meals, visiting on the phone or sending a card.

Her other passion was teaching, especially younger children. Jan worked as a kindergarten teacher in West Union, then later as a teacher's

aide in Rochelle. Her love of children and teaching is one she shared with her mother, her sister, an aunt and a daughter-in-law. She always sought to pass along the gift of reading and was often found with a grandchild on her lap and a book in her hand.

Jan Beermann was a lifelong United Methodist and lived a Christian life based on loving and serving others. It was her faith that gave her peace, especially in her last days. Deep and lasting friendships were made at West Union, Lovely Lane (Cedar Rapids), Rochelle and Grace United Methodist churches.

Jan is survived by her children; Belinda (Jim) Leavitt of Marcus, Iowa, Della (Mark) Degner of West Des Moines, Iowa and G. Scott (Frances) Beermann of Glendale, Arizona. She is the proud grandma to six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; Kent Leavitt, Kevin (Sarah) Leavitt, Barry Degner, Tracy (Matt) Moklestad, Logan Beermann, Audrey Beermann, Jonathan, Autumn and David Leavitt and Sawyer, Everett, Miles



and Levi Moklestad. She is also survived by her sister, Judy Stokesberry, and three brothers-in-law; Roger Beermann, Ron (Colette) Beermann and Bryce (Cindy) Beermann.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gary C. Beermann, her parents, James Stokesberry and Garnet (Krouse) Stokesberry and a sister-in-law, Anne Beermann.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace UMC in Marcus. A time of fellowship and food will follow at the Marcus Community Center. Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.meyerbroshopels.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Grace United Methodist Church.

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make arrests

ROCHELLE — On April 1 at 2:41 p.m. Shrook Muhssen, 35, of Rochelle was cited for expired registration. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

On April 1 at 10:49 p.m. a 16-year-old juvenile of Stillman Valley was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

On April 2 at 7:36 a.m. Suzanna K. Lange, 30, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On April 2 at 2:41 p.m. Sara V. Stallone, 21, of Rochelle was arrested for criminal damage to property. She was released on an I-Bond and given a May 6 Ogle County court date.

On April 3 at 2:33 a.m. Brandon Hernandez, 20, of Rockford was cited for speeding. He signed a promise to comply and was

given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

On April 3 at 11:16 a.m. Douglas Carr, 52, of Oregon was cited for failure to reduce speed. He signed a promise to comply and was given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

On April 3 at 3:26 p.m. Casandra K. Brick, 30, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On April 3 at 10:29 a.m. Amalia Burgess Johnson, 35, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 46 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a May 6 court date.

On April 4 at 1:51 p.m. Jason E. Bock, 23, of DeKalb was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$500 and was released and given a May 4 Ogle County court date.

On April 4 at 11 p.m.



Justin R. Bertaud, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for possession of cannabis. He was released on an I-Bond and given a May 6 court date.

On April 4 at 6:54 p.m. Todd E. Warner, 54, of DeKalb was cited for speeding. He was released on an I-Bond and given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

On April 4 at 8:32 p.m. Gabriel M. Ujcic, 21, of Rochelle was cited for speeding. He was released on an I-Bond and given a May 6 court date.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond in reference to 911 hang-up

OREGON — On April 1 at approximately 10:07 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 13,000 block of East Illinois Route 38. After investigation, deputies arrested Tara Johnson, 33, of Rochelle, for improper container of cannabis/driver. Johnson was also issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and an obstructed windshield. Johnson was transported to the Ogle County Jail, where she was released to

correctional staff and held in lieu of bond.

On April 2 at approximately 11:56 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the area of North Indian Heights Drive and West Mud Creek Road regarding a suspicious person. Through the course of the investigation, deputies arrested Regino Gallegos Jr., 56, of Austin, Texas for disorderly conduct and obstructing a police officer. Gallegos was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was

held in lieu of bond.

On April 3 at approximately 1:07 p.m. deputies responded to the Mt. Morris Estates Trailer Park at 3747 W. Illinois Route 64 in reference to a 911 hang up with people arguing in the background. After investigation, deputies placed Brandon Reints, 40, of Mt. Morris under arrest for domestic battery. Reints was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending a court appearance in front of a judge.



Gruben, Roberts teach metallurgy course at Kishwaukee

Instructor John Gruben teaches a course, MT205 (metallurgy), at Kishwaukee College once a week. Guest lecturer Charles Roberts presented a class on practical metallurgical failure analysis. From left to right Roberts, Veska Weydert, Matt Berkowski, Joshua Leman, Jose Lara, Damian Bennett and Gruben.

Illinois State Police Department

Rochelle man stopped

OGLE COUNTY — Jorge L. Sanchez, 25, of Rochelle, was stopped for no registration light and improper window tint on March 18 at 7:56 p.m., on Interstate 39 southbound at milepost 111 in Ogle County and was charged

with unlawful possession of cannabis (more than 500 but less than 2,000 grams), possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver (more the 500 but less than 2,000 grams), driving while license suspended and unlawful

transportation of alcohol. Sanchez was also wanted on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear for dangerous drugs and a Lee County warrant for contempt of court. Sanchez was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

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LOCAL NEWS

STAR: Child Advocacy Center helping hundreds every year

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"Now that things are opening back up and kids are back in school and sports, we see a lot more of those reports coming out."

Shining Star staff members include Family Advocate Tracy Greenwalt, Counselor Marissa Kragger, Social Work Intern Delaney Wilhelm, Counselor Katie Kalina, Forensic Interviewer Kindra Plett and Cash.

During the pandemic, Shining Star stayed open to help area children. It used a variety of safeguards to prevent spread of COVID-19. Court cases slowed and went remote which prolonged cases it was working. The nonprofit's usual fundraisers had to be canceled while people couldn't gather and Shining Star had to get creative with how it tried to raise money.

"Abuse doesn't stop," Cash said. "We still had to help the kids and make sure they were safe. We stayed open and worked remotely sometimes when we could. Throughout the whole thing, we still provided the services we normally do."

Cash called Shining Star fortunate for the community's support of the nonprofit. Donations are always welcome and a list of needed items is available at www.shiningstarccac.com. Monetary donations can be made at the site as well.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Shining Star staff members along with law enforcement and DCFS deal with vicarious trauma when hearing the stories of victimized children and working cases day in and day out. Peer support and check-ins are done at Shining Star to make sure staff can cope and continue helping children that need it.

Shining Star staff members along with law enforcement and DCFS deal with vicarious trauma when hearing the stories of victimized children and working cases day in and day out. Peer support and check-ins are done at Shining Star to make sure staff can cope and continue helping children

that need it.

"There are cases that stick with you," Cash said. "We are identifying the importance of that. One thing we've also started doing is reaching out to some of our multidisciplinary team members in law enforcement, DCFS and prosecutors when there are really tough cases

and checking in with everybody and making sure they're OK."

The rest of April for Shining Star will include more efforts to bring attention to Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Area businesses have helped with promotions and city governments like Rochelle's have

made proclamations for the month.

The end of the month will see the Shining Star Jail and Bail fundraiser where community members will be jailed for the cause and will help with donations to bail themselves out. A raffle ticket fundraiser will be held as well to support

Shining Star's services. Banners and pinwheels will be around the area to raise awareness. The efforts won't end when April does.

"We do things this month, but we really want to do things all year long because it doesn't just happen in April," Cash said. "Abuse doesn't stop."

FIRE: Sawlsville discusses volunteer, paid on-call shortages

From page 1

"I think it will be some kind of incentive," Sawlsville said. "I think we need to keep going. We've identified the problem, but to fix it I think we need to think outside the box. I don't know if that's a property tax break or what else you can give these people who are jumping up at 3 a.m. to respond to these calls."

Rochelle Fire's chief said the shortage issue has been slowly occurring over the past five years, but has been "really dramatic" over the last two years. Possible reasons he identified included the COVID-19 pandemic and the at-times stress and danger of the job. He did note that other unrelated industries are seeing shortages of volunteers.

Rochelle Fire and Ogle-

Lee spend a "tremendous" amount of time recruiting paid on-call and volunteer firefighters. Pay has been raised recently for those positions in both departments and Sawlsville said the training offered for free is another benefit.

"We beat the brush all the time looking for anybody," Sawlsville said. "We've gone on social media and to the press. We've been to events and handed out materials. That did nothing. It may be a combination of changing our recruitment methods and offering up some kind of incentive."

The requirements to become a paid on-call or volunteer firefighter are a high school diploma or GED and passing a background check, physical and drug screen. After that, the

departments will pay to send those personnel to EMT school and the fire academy.

Rochelle Fire responds to a similar number of calls to the Sycamore Fire Department. But that department now has six full-time firefighters on duty every day.

"Their budget is huge," Sawlsville said. "Millions of dollars. They used to be a combination department like we are with career firefighters and paid on-calls. I think they finally got tired of trying to find paid on-calls and finally went more full-time and passed that on to the taxpayers. All they have is six full-time firefighters a day and the price tag that comes with it."

Sawlsville said Rochelle has had conversations

about moving towards a more expensive full-time model due to the shortage. But he doesn't believe that's the answer and isn't ready to ask for it.

"I think the best answer would be finding whatever that magic bullet is that brings people in as paid on-calls," Sawlsville said. "Not only does it save tax money our way, but it also brings you a more diverse workgroup. These people come with experience from outside of the fire industry that are very applicable. We have carpenters and software specialists that can help with things here. We have a very dedicated group now, but there's not nearly as many as there used to be."

Rochelle Fire's partnership with Ogle-Lee has been mutually beneficial

amid the shortage. The departments train together and share the same administration and respond to each other's calls.

Not only are people leaving paid on-call positions that aren't able to be filled, but emergency calls are "through the roof," Sawlsville said. Some departments' calls in other areas have tripled while recruitment efforts stall.

Rochelle Fire is already on track for another record year after seeing a historic high last year by "hundreds of calls." In the first 90 days of 2022, it is 68 calls ahead of this time last year.

For years, emergency personnel saw fire calls going down and EMS calls going up. Now, fire calls have stayed constant and EMS calls are "continuing to skyrocket" amid a



Chief Dave Sawlsville

volunteer and paid on-call firefighter and EMT shortage.

"Those trajectories can't keep going in those directions," Sawlsville said. "We're doing it with less people than we've ever done it with. At the end of the day, when people call 911, we have to show up. These are serious situations that we need people to help with."

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Lady

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Being by your side, whether strolling down the street or hanging out in the house, is what I enjoy. And when I look at you with my deep brown eyes, you will know that my love for you will never end. A more true blue companion cannot be found! One other thing I adore is food...maybe some of you can relate. I weigh just under 50lbs but really need to take off several of those. And because yummy morsels are a top priority, I'd be best not living with kids who tend to leave crumbs wherever they go. I am house-trained, whining at the door when I need to go potty, so no need to worry about that. And at 4, I've settled down and, though I still have plenty of energy, am not a whirling dervish. One thing I do wish is to be in a home without cats as I'm not very fond of them.. sorry! But oh boy, I sure hope my forever home is around the corner!

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Preserving the memory of the Bain Opera House

ANGUS Bain was born in Scotland in 1825. He moved to the United States in 1847 and finally landed at Lane around 1859. Lane of course changed its name and became Rochelle in 1865.

Angus was a builder, he saw in this small community of wooden stores and log houses a chance to build something special.

His bride was not as sure.

Deborah was from New York and not at all sure the wild west was the place for her. As any good bride would do, Deborah set out her demands. Angus agreed, and the move west had begun. Initially Angus had agreed to build an exact replica of Deborah's New York home. The house has been frequently remodeled but still stands today at 510 N. Seventh St.

The second request was that Angus build an opera house so that there would be some "culture on the prairie." Angus began construction of his opera house in 1877. The demand for brick needed to construct the three-story building caused a shortage for the community for the next year.

Rochelle may have had dirt streets and wooden sidewalks, but in 1878 the town also had the finest opera house east of Chicago. The first floor of the building housed the First National Bank, Famous Clothing Store and Williams and Bly Clothing. The second floor featured prime office space. The third floor held the meeting room for the Masonic Lodge.

The unique feature was the theater. Taking up a portion of the second and third floors, the theater featured tiered seating and a massive lighted dome. The grand opening on July 4, 1878 featured the Madrigal Club of Chicago.

For several years the Bain Opera House served as a cultural center. Travelers would board the Burlington Northern Railroad and enjoy the ride from Chicago to the wild west. Rochelle offered the highest quality entertainment, excellent hotels and a chance to spend the weekend in the country where wild Indians had traveled only 30 years prior.

Angus also frequently rented the opera house to local organizations.

The fire department held a variety review Nov. 10, 1878 to raise funds for equipment. A 35-cent investment gave you a show and the good feeling that supporting your community brings.

The 1900s saw a change in entertainment. Moving pictures were all the rage. The opera house found it more and more difficult to turn a profit. 1930 saw the opening of the Hub Theater with air conditioning and actual talking movies. The Bain Opera House

was forced to change directions. The theater section was turned into apartments and new owners took over the building. The condition of the Bain Building continued to deteriorate into the 1980s. The Bain family had long since been out of the picture. The new owners were either unwilling or unable to maintain the building. 1983 saw a ray of hope.

The Larry Lanning Development Company approached the city with a plan to redevelop the Bain Building. The plan was estimated to cost from \$1.2-2 million. In short order, the Lannon Company declared Chapter 11

Bankruptcy. With the loss of the only investor, the fate of the Bain Opera House was sealed.

The Bain Opera Committee formed to try to change the trajectory of the Bain Building. This group of concerned citizens wanted to save the Opera House and approached citizens, business owners and industries trying to raise funds for the resurrection of the Bain Opera House.

Mayor Dale Vogeler also led the drive to save the Bain Building. The city was willing to cancel fees, forgive debts and assist in any feasible way. Unfortunately, they learned that verbal support does not ensure financial support.

"I cannot get the people of Rochelle enthused" lamented Margie Hayes, the leader of the committee. Cities do not save buildings or businesses, citizens do. In 1986, the Bain Opera House was demolished. The likes of the Bain Opera House may never be seen again. It is up to us to preserve its memory.

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



Tom McDermott

Ah, the good old days

THE snow shovel has been hung with care in the garage, at least I hope I won't need it for another seven months. Lawnmower is rarin' to go, I just wish I could say the same for the operator. I usually don't complain about mowing the yard as I know there will be an icy cold beverage waiting at its conclusion. Now my hope is there will be a baseball game on the radio to listen to.

As a kid growing up this time of year usually meant plenty of busted knuckles from getting tillage equipment and planters ready to go. It also meant wading in manure getting the hog house cleaned out, and that terrible job of cleaning the chicken coop. If you were going to do the latter you had better know where your kerchief was because without it you were going to be choking up dust for a week.

Ah, the good old days.

Meat and poultry

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is making available up to \$215 million in grants and other support to expand meat and poultry processing options, strengthen the food supply chain and create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas. This funding opportunity, announced on the one-year anniversary of President Biden's Executive Order 14017 "America's Supply Chains", is one of many actions that USDA is taking to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive and resilient for American farmers and ranchers.

USDA Rural Development will make \$150 million available in grants to fund startup and expansion activities in the meat and poultry processing sector. USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will provide another \$40 million for workforce development and training, and

the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide \$25 million to offer technical assistance to grant applicants and others seeking resources related to meat and poultry processing. These new opportunities are part of a historic commitment to fight monopolization and promote competition across the economy. They are also aligned with USDA's vision of a food system that supports health and ensures producers receive a fair share of the food dollar while advancing equity and combating the climate crisis.

Expansion program

USDA Rural Development is making \$150 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding available through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). USDA is offering grants of up to \$25 million each to expand processing capacity through a variety of activities, including but not limited to construction, expansion of existing facilities and acquisition of equipment.

USDA encourages applications that benefit smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, Tribes and tribal producers, socially disadvantaged producers, military veteran producers, and underserved communities.

Workforce

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will invest an additional \$40 million through existing workforce development programs to provide a pipeline of well-trained workers to meet the demand for both current processors and increased independent processing capacity. The primary investment will be through competitive grants to support workforce training at community, junior and technical colleges with programs specifically for meat and poultry processing. A Request for Applications will be published in April 2022. Additional investments will leverage existing regional

USDA education and Extension networks and establish new, or supplement select existing, Centers of Excellence at Minority-serving Institutions focused on meat and poultry research, education and training. Each of these investments is designed to deliver needed support more quickly. Additional investments, either through the same or new programs and partnerships, are expected later this year. To sign up for notifications of these and other NIFA funding opportunities, visit the NIFA website.

USDA expects to continue working with the Department of Labor to support and encourage the development of good jobs in the agricultural sector, including jobs in meat and poultry processing.

Technical

USDA also is helping to ensure that entities proposing independent meat and poultry processing projects through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) have full service technical assistance support from application through post-award. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide approximately \$25 million in American Rescue Plan funding to establish partnerships with organizations that will provide technical assistance to MPPEP applicants, recent recipients and future applicants of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant program, and to entities who require general guidance and resources on meat and poultry processing. Of the \$25 million, AMS will utilize \$10 million to implement the first phase of support by establishing an initial technical assistance network and lead coordinator. More information about the technical assistance is available at the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain website.

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." – Margaret Atwood.

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Ron Kern

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COMMUNITY

Wagners to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

ROCHELLE — Bill and Nancy Wagner will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on April 9.

Bill is from Henry, Illinois, and Nancy is from Tiskilwa, Illinois.

They moved to Rochelle after getting married and are the proud parents of three children: Eric, Kyle, and Scott Wagner and daughter-in-law, Lora Wagner and two grandchildren, Mason and Claire Wagner.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 6

Stephen Avila
Eddie Villalobos
Josh & Sarah Kulwicki

April 7

Arianna Grana
Anjelique Grana

April 8

Jodi Prosser
Trevor Komadina
Timothy Avila

April 9

Wayne & Wynetta Myroth

April 10

Johnny Gonzales

April 11

Bev Wiginton
Christine Doering
Chris & Christine Doering

April 12

Charles Peterman

April 14

Kristyn Sulser

April 16

James Doering
Wynetta Myroth

April 18

Millie Danekas

April 19

Pastor Angelo Bonacquisti

April 20

Pauline Cultra
Rose Anne Kersten

April 21

Emma Waters

April 24

Lainie Arnold
Jose Tlapa

April 25

Kim & Dane Duval (35)

April 26

Evan Jones

April 30

Oakley Gonzales

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

April 7 – (Thursday) – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Rolls

April 12 – (Tuesday) – Smoked Sausage with Peas and Pasta

April 14 – (Thursday) – Baked BBQ Chicken Thighs, Macaroni and Cheese, Peas

April 19 – (Tuesday) – BLT Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Chips

April 15 is Good Friday so no Friday dinner this week. We will hold it on April 22

April 21 – (Thursday) – Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic

Bread

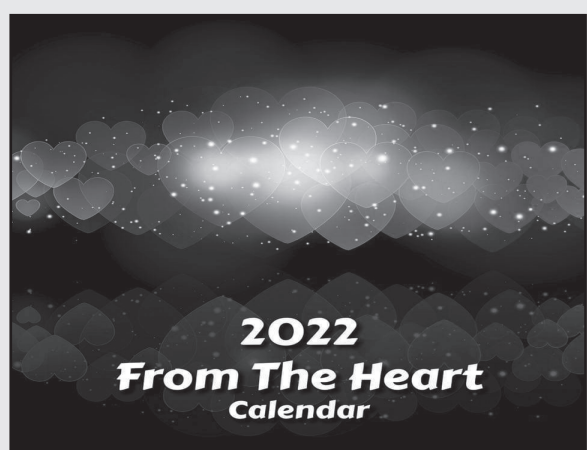
April 22 – (Friday) – BBQ Ribs, Coleslaw, Baked Beans

April 28 – (Tuesday) – Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad

May 1 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Pancakes, Sausage Patties,

**All menus are subject to change.

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March 11 - Darlene Reynolds, Rochelle, \$25

March 12 - Scott Meinert, Dakota, \$25

March 13 - Jeremy Mumm, Rochelle, \$50

March 14 - Greg Hackbarth, Lindenwood, \$25

March 15 - Chandler Mattison-Farris, Rochelle, \$25

March 16 - Mike Myers, Rochelle, \$25

March 17 - Colonial Flowers & Gifts, Rochelle, \$250

March 18 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25

March 19 - Diana Johnson, Rochelle, \$25

March 20 - Dianne Reynolds, Rochelle, \$50

March 21 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, Rochelle, \$25

March 22 - H.W. Wetzel Jr., Rochelle, \$25

March 23 - Rochelle Rotary Club, Rochelle, \$25

March 24 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

March 25 - Sarah Pillen, Ballwin, Missouri, \$25

March 26 - Jackie Sanders, Rochelle, \$25

March 27 - Rebecca Huntley, Chana, \$50

March 28 - Sheri Klindera, Rochelle, \$25

March 29 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25

March 30 - Mary Sage, Rochelle, \$25

March 31 - From the Heart, \$25

April 1 - Amber & James Schuster, Ortonville, Mich., \$25

April 2 - Ralfie's BBQ & Catering, \$25

April 3 - Maureen Decker, Rochelle, \$50

April 4 - Marcee Collier, Rochelle, \$25

April 5 - Tyler Christopherson, Rochelle, \$25

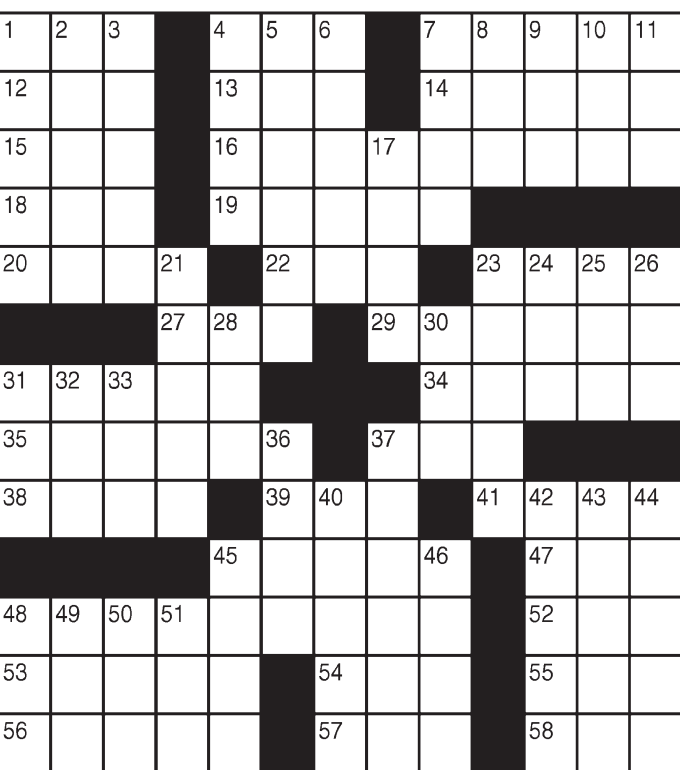
April 6 - Karen Marsh, Stillman Valley, \$25

Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

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4 Physician's nickname
7 Grating
12 Vintage
13 Away from WSW
14 Mountain crest
15 Set afire
16 Yosemite peak featured in "Free Solo"
18 "CSI" evidence
19 Dewy
20 Billboard
22 Swiss peak
23 Bloke
27 Author
29 Fleming
31 Planet circlers
34 Heart line
35 Coffeehouse bill collector
37 L-P link
38 Utah ski resort
39 "Yoo- —!"
41 Pottery oven
45 Quotable Yogi
47 Eastern path
48 Bygone Cadillacs
52 Copper head?
53 Tierney of "The Affair"
54 Superlative



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56 Velocity
57 Irish actor Stephen
58 Decade parts (Abbr.)
7 Engrossed
8 "Exodus" hero
9 Fixed
10 Sch. org
11 Hankering
17 Nile vipers
21 Martial arts warrior
23 Swindler
24 Guffaw syllable
25 Suitable
26 Green shade
28 Simile part
30 Paint container
31 1959 Kingston Trio hit
32 Texas tea
33 Choose
36 Mother of Zeus
37 Gloomy
40 Sequence
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43 Hard work
44 Seasonal songs
45 Thin nail
46 Nick and Nora's dog
48 Ambulance initials
49 Napkin's place
50 Payable
51 Mine material

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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: E equals T

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Answer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

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film, and he responded
bother seeing that boring
I told my friend he shouldn't
answer
CryptoQuip

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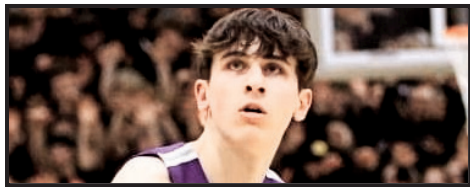
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SPORTS



HASZ COMMITS TO KISH

RTHS senior Cooper Hasz will play basketball at Kishwaukee College.

See page 2 for more details

RTHS Girls Soccer

Offense rolls against Ottawa

Avila scores twice as Lady Hubs take conference opener over Pirates 5-3

ROCHELLE — In her four years with the RochelleLadyHub varsity soccer program, senior defender and captain Lizbeth Milan said she hasn't felt more confident in her team than she does right now. That confidence wasn't misplaced Monday evening, when the Lady Hubs battled through soggy field conditions and cold temperatures during their Interstate 8 opener against the Ottawa Pirates.

Searching for a bounce-back victory after a tough 2-0 loss to Streator this past week, Rochelle continued to show improvement on offense, earning multiple quality chances at the Ottawa net and converting three times during the second half to score a 5-3 victory over the Pirates. Junior midfielder Mavi Avila cashed in two goals for the Lady Hubs, while sophomore Sydney Thorne and senior Madison Ost each added one goal. Milan scored on a free kick that deflected off an Ottawa defender late in the first half.

"I thought we started cleaning up our passes once we adjusted to how the field was playing," Milan said. "I think this is the best team I've played with. We still have some chemistry issues to work

through, but a few of our players have previous experience playing outdoor soccer together so they know how to play with each other. We're really learning how to play with each other and I'm really excited for this season."

Rochelle (2-4, 1-0 Interstate 8) assisted on four of its goals during the match, with freshman midfielder Makayla Lara dishing out a season-high three assists while sophomore Kara Martinez added one assist. The Lady Hubs outshot the Pirates 33-12 and 18-4 in shots on goal. Sophomore Danica Ward recorded five saves in net for the Lady Hubs, who will face Sycamore on the road Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

"We have a really strong group this year and we each have our own skills that we're good at," Avila said. "I think our communication has gotten a lot better up top and we're moving and looking for open space instead of bunching up. It's a big confidence booster for us to win, especially when there are multiple girls who score because it makes all of us happy. We all support each other and bring each other up."

The Lady Hubs struck first, with Lara setting up



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Lizbeth Milan shoots for the slide tackle against Ottawa's Gabi Krueger during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match with the Pirates on Monday. Rochelle defeated Ottawa 5-3 to move to 2-4 overall.

Ost for Rochelle's first goal of the match during the 19th minute. Ottawa evened the score with a quick answer during the

23rd minute, but the Lady Hubs regained the lead before halftime after the Pirates committed a foul deep in their own territory

during the 36th minute. Off the free kick, Milan booted a right-footed ball through the Pirate defense, with the ball bouncing off the leg of

an Ottawa blocker before eventually settling in the back of the net.

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RTHS Basketball



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The 38th Annual Leland Lions Club All-Star Shootout was held at Indian Creek High School on Saturday, with the best high school basketball players from the Interstate 8 Conference and the Little Ten Conference competing against each other in an exhibition format. Rochelle Township High School seniors Ryan Simmons, Tanner Lager and Adam Kemp represented the Interstate 8 Conference boys team, which was coached by Tim Thompson.

Rochelle seniors shine at All-Star Shootout

Annual event features top players from Interstate 8, Little Ten Conferences

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SHABBONA — The best high school basketball players from the Interstate 8 and Little Ten Conferences squared off at Indian Creek during the 38th Annual Leland Lions Club All-Star Shootout on Saturday. Rochelle Township High School saw four seniors represent the Interstate

8, with Josie Lundquist suiting up for the girls and three boys including Ryan Simmons, Tanner Lager and Adam Kemp lacing up as well.

It's not often that a high school basketball team scores over 100 points, but the Interstate 8 boys showed off their offensive firepower with an emphatic 129-103 victory over the Little Ten boys. LaSalle-

Peru's Johnny Riva led the way with 30 points on 10 triples made, while Ottawa's Braiden Miller notched a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Simmons scored 12 points on 5-of-11 shooting and 2-of-5 shooting from 3-point range for the Interstate 8 boys, who were coached by Rochelle's Tim Thompson.

"I enjoyed getting to

play with kids from other schools," Simmons said. "The whole experience was great and I enjoyed being able to play one last game without any real pressure. It was a great finishing touch to my career. We shared the ball really well and scoring 129 points as a team was a notable moment for me."

Seven Interstate 8 boys finished in double figures including Plano's Mason

Accidentale (16 points), Ottawa's Luke Cushing (13 points), Morris' Myles Johnson (12 points) and Sycamore's Brody Armstrong (10 points). Lager recorded five points and nine rebounds while Kemp added three points and five rebounds. The Interstate 8 boys shot 46 percent overall and outscored the Little Ten boys 75-63 in the second half.

"I enjoyed getting to know everyone on my team and it was fun having the chance to play with them instead of against them," Lager said. "I got to wear my Hub uniform again and I got to compete with some of my Hub teammates as well. It was cool to see what the top players from each conference could do."

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HUB SPOTLIGHT

Hasz commits to Kishwaukee College

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE senior Cooper Hasz never stopped working toward his goal of becoming a varsity basketball player. Once a B-team freshman who endured a myriad of injuries throughout his career, Hasz overcame multiple obstacles to make the most of his senior season this winter, earning several starts midway through the season and finishing the season as one of the varsity team's leading rebounders and defenders.

Hasz's improvements caught the eye of Kishwaukee College head coach Joe Conroy, who offered the 6-foot-5 forward an opportunity to play for the Kougars next season. Having already decided on Kishwaukee College for his academics, Hasz will now continue his basketball career with the Kougars as well. Rochelle's McFadden Sportsmanship Award winner this season, Hasz said he plans to study electrical engineering.

"I was already planning to attend Kishwaukee College, but I decided about halfway through the season that I wanted to play basketball too," Hasz said. "I met with coach Conroy during the season and he liked how I was playing. I'm excited to be a member of the Kougars family and I've been improving a lot. I'm excited to continue playing at the college level. Being a member of the RTHS basketball team was a great experience and I enjoyed being a part of this team. We went really far this season and we made great memories."

Hasz spent four seasons with the Rochelle Hub basketball program including two years on the varsity team. Hasz was a member of the Rochelle Hub sophomore basketball team that won the Interstate 8 Conference title with a 24-5 record during the 2019-20 season. Hasz averaged 4.4 points and 4.5 rebounds per game while finishing second on the team with 26 blocks. Hasz ranked fourth on the Hubs with 143 rebounds, helping lead Rochelle to a 22-11 record along with Interstate 8 and IHSA 3A Regional titles this season.

"I thought I got better in every single game," Hasz said. "I can fill any role that coach Conroy needs. I can be a forward if I need to and I can be a guard if I need



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Rochelle senior Cooper Hasz will continue his academics and his basketball career at Kishwaukee College.

to. I think I'm a very flexible player. I had a lot of injuries and obstacles to clear during my career, but I kept pushing and I knew there would be a light at the end of the tunnel. The key for me was to keep working and find out how I could get to where I wanted to be."

"Cooper has come so far since he was a freshman B-team player," Rochelle head coach Tim Thompson said. "He's been a staple in the weight room and he's improved his game every year he's been in our program. His work ethic and his focus on team before individual will be a great benefit to the Kougars."

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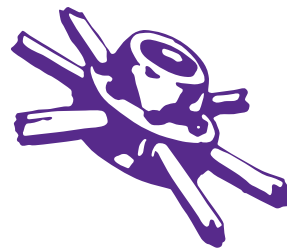
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News-Leader Scholar-Athlete applications open

ROCHELLE — For the last several years, Rochelle Township High School and the Rochelle News-Leader have partnered to offer the annual Rochelle News-Leader Scholar-Athlete Awards, which are normally presented during the school year to two recent alums, one male and one female, who demonstrated academic and athletic excellence throughout their time as high school student-athletes. These awards have normally been presented during the school year to student-athletes who graduated during the previous year.

With an interest in offering greater opportunities for the RTHS student-athletes who've dedicated their time to achieving high standards in academics and athletics for the last four years, the Rochelle News-Leader will be presenting the 2021-22 Scholar-Athlete Awards in the form of two \$500 scholarships. These cash scholarships will be presented to two graduating senior student-athletes during the RTHS Honors Night on May 2. The Rochelle News-Leader is excited to offer these scholarships to senior student-athletes looking to further their education and possibly their athletic careers at the college level.

The Rochelle News-Leader will select two winners for the \$500 cash scholarships, one male and one female, who've demonstrated high standards in academics and athletics at RTHS. Winners will be selected from applications that are submitted in full. Applications are free to sub-



mit and can be completed by either student-athletes or their parents/guardians. The deadline for submitting applications to the RTHS Counseling Center office will be Friday, April 15 at 5 p.m.

Additionally, student-athletes who apply for a scholarship must fulfill the following requirements:

Students must be seniors who are eligible to graduate this spring.

Students must be attending a college/university for the upcoming fall semester. Proof of enrollment at college/university required with application.

Students must have participated in at least one sport throughout their time at Rochelle Township High School. Additional sports or activities are a bonus.

Students must have earned a 3.0 GPA or higher to receive a cash scholarship.

The 2021-22 Rochelle News-Leader Scholar-Athlete application is available on the RTHS Counseling Center website at <http://www.rthsd212.org/counseling-center>. Completed applications can be submitted to the RTHS Counseling Center office.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Rochelle News-Leader Sports Editor Russ Hodges at rhodges@rochellenews-leader.com.



Junior Kailey Harris keeps the ball away from an Ottawa attacker during the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer match against the Pirates on Monday.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

GIRLS: Rochelle wins Interstate 8 opener

From page 1

"We've grown so much since our first match of the season," Milan said. "It wasn't our best match today, but we're constantly learning what works and what doesn't work and I think we're good at learning from our mistakes."

We're opening the field up more on offense and we're making sure that we switch the ball over to the other side more often, especially when the other team's pushing us to one side of the field."

Rochelle took a two-score lead early in the second half after Lara found

Thorne on a left-footed cross into the Ottawa box for a goal during the 45th minute. After Ottawa bounced back with a goal in the 57th minute, Rochelle responded immediately during the 58th minute, with Martinez using some nifty footwork to juke an Ottawa defender and place

a soft pass for Avila to score the first of her two goals.

The Lady Hubs earned their largest lead in the 73th minute, when Lara's corner kick found Avila for her second goal of the match. Ottawa scored in the 79th minute, but it was too little, too late for the Pirates in the end.

RTHS Boys Tennis

Hubs take down Belvidere North

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

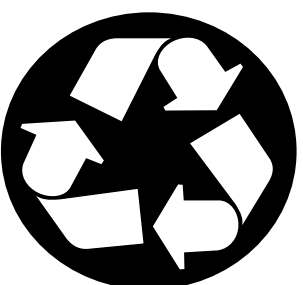
BELVIDERE — The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team opened its season with a nonconference road match against Belvidere North on Monday, winning 5-2 and improving to 1-0 overall.

The Blue Thunder took two of the three singles points, with Jack Dickerson topping senior Alex Gilbert 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and Ryland Farris besting junior Ryan Ward 6-2, 7-5 at No. 3 singles. Senior Jason Zheng scored Rochelle's lone singles points, defeating Jack Stolp

6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 singles.

Juniors David Wanner and Owen Haas teamed up for a 6-0, 6-0 sweep over James Foster and Ben Leake at No. 1 doubles, while senior Peter Forsberg and junior John Green dominated their No. 2 doubles match over Brian Flaherty and Tyler

Sanders 6-1, 6-0. Senior Devansh Patel and junior Nolan Fonfara shut out Andrew McCormack and Luke Magnusen 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles. Junior Evin Odle and sophomore Parker Lenkaitis downed Joey Gilbertson and Alex Roepsch 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4 doubles.



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ON THE FARM

The basics of vertical farming

FARMS often inspire awe thanks to their beauty and the serenity of the areas that surround them. Though no farms may inspire such feelings as strongly as those in the heart of the countryside, another type of farm can induce a sense of awe as well.

Vertical farms vary in size, but the largest ones mimic the appearance of skyscrapers if the skyscrapers were made from plants. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, increasing production of fresh greens and vegetables near urban populations will be a necessity in the decades to come. That's because estimates from the United Nations indicate the global population will exceed nine billion persons by 2050, by which time two-thirds of the world's people will live in urban settings. Vertical farming could be vital to meeting the demands for healthy foods by 2050, making it worth anyone's while to gain a basic understanding of this unique way to grow

fresh fruits and vegetables. Vertical farming is a type of controlled environment agriculture (CEA). According to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, CEA combines engineering, plant science and computer-managed greenhouse control technologies to optimize plant growing systems. CEA systems enable stable control of the plant environment, making it possible for growers to control temperature, light and CO2 during the growing process.

Vertical farms grow foods in stacked layers, which gives large vertical farms their skyscraper-like appearance. Some vertical farms employ techniques similar to greenhouses, utilizing natural light when it's available and augmenting that with artificial lighting to ensure the plants grow regardless of the conditions outside.

Perhaps the biggest advantage to vertical farming is the potential for the practice to meet future food demands in a way that the USDA deems environmentally responsible



and sustainable. Vertical farming operations in urban areas can offer lower emissions because fresh fruits and vegetables will not need to be transported from rural areas to urban locales.

The USDA also notes that vertical farming operations reduce water runoff

by a considerable margin, helping to conserve water. The Vertical Harvest farm in Jackson, Wyoming, produces 100,000 pounds of vegetables per year and uses a fraction of the water of traditional farms with similar outputs. Utilizing hydroponics and moving carousels, Vertical Har-

vest consumes 90 percent less water than traditional farms.

Access to nutrient-rich foods is another benefit to vertical farms. As urban populations grow and climate change affects crop yields, city dwellers may struggle to procure healthy, nutrient-rich foods like

fruits and vegetables. Vertical farming operations that are not vulnerable to climate change can eliminate that concern, ensuring urban populations access to healthy, nutritious foods.

Vertical farms can be awe-inspiring and figure to play a vital role in the future of agriculture.

Incorporating tech into a farming business

THE agricultural industry long has been a vital part of society, providing foods for billions of people across the globe. Farming can be a challenging profession, and farmers routinely find creative solutions to overcome obstacles to effective production. Thanks to technology, finding solutions has become that much easier.

Yet not every farmer who is set in his or her ways is ready to welcome changes that incorporate technology right away. In fact, reluctance to turn over operations in some part to artificial intelligence or smart technologies could be due in part to farming being such a nuanced skill and the role intuition plays in the growth of crops. The following are some ways for seasoned and novice farmers to seamlessly incorporate technology into their operations.

Farmers can begin implementing technology that does not directly relate to farming operations. Examples include switching to efficient and intuitive accounting and payroll systems to save time. If a farm also includes a retail enterprise, such as a

farmers market, upgrading point-of-sale technology, like credit card readers or e-commerce websites for new revenue potential, can be good a good starting point.

Figure out where the business is lacking and could use some help. Perhaps you're having difficulty maintaining adequate irrigation or plant nutrition is compromised due to soil deficits? Precision automation farming advancements that employ remote sensors can assess conditions and fine tune adjustments to alleviate these issues.

Novel technologies can increase crop yield and make for more efficient use of limited resources. However, people who may never have employed drones, IoT devices or soil sensors can expect a learning curve. Visiting a nearby farm operation to learn how they have implemented technology and gaining hands-on experience can be invaluable. In addition, request that a tech vendor provide thorough instruction on products to make it easier to seamlessly integrate new technology into an agriculture business.



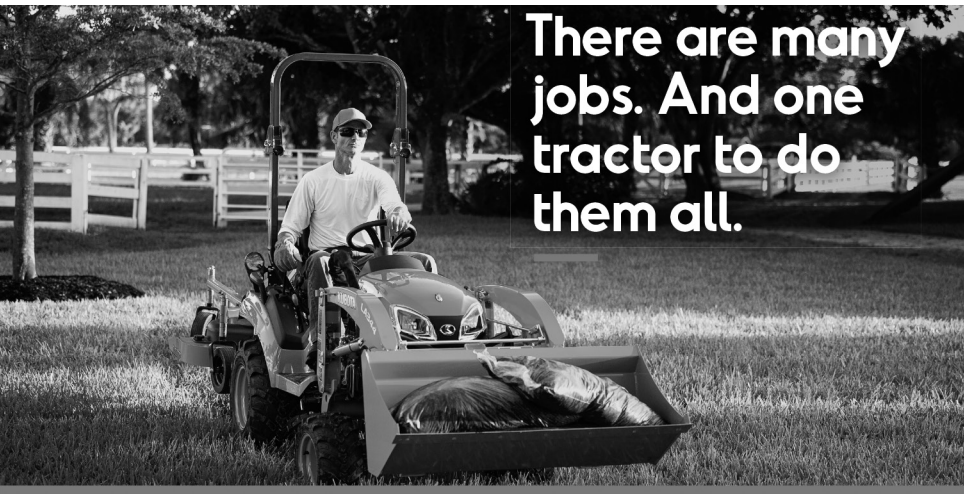
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations says agriculture and food production accounts for 28 percent of the entire global workforce. There are more

than 570 million small-holder farms worldwide. Technology can be utilized by agricultural businesses to zero in on intelligent and qualified employees who can take operations


to the next level. Websites like Glassdoor, Indeed and ZipRecruiter remain helpful tools when looking for qualified job candidates. The internet is an essential employment resource,

and farms can utilize it to acquire new hires.

Agricultural businesses can explore various ways to gradually and seamlessly make technology part of their operations.



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9 Biggest Benefits Of Shopping Rochelle First



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You don't have to show your ID every time you go in. You can get a loan from people who know you and understand your needs, whether it be money for your first car or to help your business grow. Local banks believe in the value of community members helping one another.



No one wants to have to make an insurance claim, but it's painless when your agent is your neighbor.

You don't have to convince them that there was a hail storm, or that the wind nearly took your roof off. They know because they live here. Which do you want when you've had a bad day: A face-to-face meeting with your local agent, or a machine answering the phone at that big national insurer that advertises on TV?



Time is money.

It's simple math (especially when you figure in gas mileage.) Shopping locally can actually save you both time and money!



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Keeping it local encourages community growth.

By choosing to do business locally, you help maintain Rochelle's diversity, charm and appeal; which attracts new community members.



One word: Jobs.

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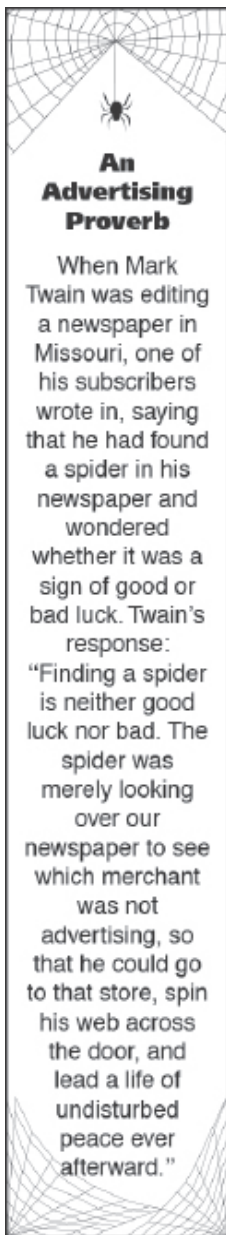
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SPORTS

STARS: RTHS basketball players represent Interstate 8

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“It was really fun being able to play with the best players in the conference,” Kemp said. “It was great because we’ve competed against those guys for four years and it was really fun to come together for one final game. It was a great ending for me because I was able to play with some of my teammates again.”

Lundquist and the Interstate 8 girls were also victorious on Saturday, winning 70-34 behind 25 points from Sycamore’s Faith Feuerbach and 13 points from Kaneland’s Taylor Seaton. Lundquist recorded four points, five rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot in the victory.

All four seniors who represented RTHS and the Interstate 8 at the All-Star Shootout event were All-Conference honorees during the regular season. Lundquist, Kemp and Simmons were each First-Team All-Conference winners,



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Township High School senior Josie Lundquist represented the Interstate 8 Conference during the 38th Annual Leland Lions Club All-Star Shootout at Indian Creek High School on Saturday. Lundquist was one of four RTHS players to participate in the event.

while Lager was an All-Conference Honorable Mention.

“The most enjoyable

part of the All-Star Game was meeting the players who I’ve been competing against over the last four

years,” Lundquist said. “It was a fun and positive way to end my career. All of us were extremely competi-

tive during the season, but we all came together and supported one another. The positive comments

and uplifting actions of my teammates were most notable throughout the game.”

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Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 15th, 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17th, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Please join us at:
Website: lwccr.com Facebook: @lwccr and
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We are celebrating the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.


Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m. April 14
This is a drama centering on the experiences of the disciples during Holy Week

Good Friday Tenebrae Service:
Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Morning: Sunday, April 17 at 9 a.m.

Rochelle United Methodist Church
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Rev. Jesus Dominguez – Pastor



Palm Sunday April 10
Blessings of Palms & Solemn Entrance
Saturday, April 9
Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm
Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm in Spanish
Sunday Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am in Spanish

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
Holy Thursday April 14 (No Daily Mass)
Church Offices Closed
English Mass of the Last Supper of the Lord at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm in Spanish
Adoration in the Parish Center from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am

Good Friday April 15 (No Daily Mass)
Church Offices Closed
Liturgy of the Word, Communion and Veneration of the Cross at 11:00 am in English
Liturgy of the Word, Communion and Veneration of the Cross at 1:00 pm Spanish
3:00 pm Service Walking-Procession (Live Stations) in our Parking Lot
7:00 pm Spanish Rosario de Pésame.

Holy Saturday April 16 (No Daily Mass)
Easter Vigil: 7:00 pm in English
Easter Vigil in Spanish at 9:15 pm

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 2022
9:00 am & 11:00 am in Spanish

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April 15	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship	7:00 p.m.	
April 16	No Saturday Eve Worship		
April 17	Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.	
April 17	Easter Celebration Worship	9:00 a.m.	

Please join us for Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday
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Pastor Joy Alsop

Please Join Us For Our Easter Services!

Thursday, April 14th
7:00 pm.....Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Friday, April 15th
7:00 pm.....Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 17th
9:00 am.....Easter Worship with Holy Communion

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EASTER



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