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Engineering work approved

City railroad capital projects fund will cover costs

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its Monday meeting, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a proposal by Fehr Graham for the engineering and design of the replacement of city-owned railroad crossings at Caron and Steam Plant Roads.

The crossings are both 17 years old and are starting to deteriorate, according to the meeting's agenda packet. The city's railroad capital projects fund has over \$1 million on hand and will cover the engineering and construction costs. The meeting's agenda packet listed the expenditure to Fehr Graham as \$18,900 for engineering design and \$31,000 for construction services. Fehr Graham will manage the project once it's awarded to a contractor.

"They're 17 years old," City Economic Development Director Jason Anderson said. "Last winter, they just started to fall apart. Once we have Fehr Graham put the work together we'll go out for bid. I'm hoping to get on this very soon this summer."

CSC

The council unanimously approved an amendment to its land lease agree-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows proclaimed May as Sound the Alarm month in the city. Rochelle Fire will be partnering with The Red Cross next month in a smoke alarm installation event on May 14 to prevent fires in the community.

ment with Chicagoland Skydiving Center at its airport. CSC requested the amendment to allow for repurposing of a small section of land at the airport to increase its current canoeing area.

The amendment also permits CSC to relocate a fence at its expense within its leased property area. The tent camp area will be separated from the flight activity area.

"This is kind of another step towards this being a community airport," Mayor John Bearrows said.

"You have local residents that fly and enjoy the airport. CSC has made a big investment out there and it creates a lot of entertainment for local folks."

Liquor license

The council unanimously approved an ordinance deleting one class B liquor license for Da Place at 215 Lincoln Hwy. and created one class B license for Lisa's Pub, to be owned by Lisa Schwarz, at the same location. The business is planned to change ownership and liquor licenses

cannot be transferred from one business to another.

Salt 251

The council unanimously voted to authorize City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh to execute an amendment to the city's development agreement with Salt 251.

The agreement with Salt 251 involves tax increment financing (TIF) and Salt 251's owner has submitted receipts in excess of \$250,000 that was agreed to by the city in 2016.

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Hiring expo May 6

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle's Community of Opportunity Hiring Expo will take place on May 6 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Rochelle Township High School in the blue gym. The event is a collaboration by the City of Rochelle, the Office of Mayor John Bearrows, Kishwaukee College and RTHS.

An advertisement for the event posted by the city called it the area's largest hiring expo and said it will feature on-the-spot interviews, incentives and more from 40-plus employers. Attendees can register in advance for a chance to win \$300 cash at hubsgethired.eventbrite.com.

The same organizations hosted a hiring expo last fall at RTHS in an effort to combat a nationwide workforce shortage.

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(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Rochelle Township High School crowns Prom Royalty winners

Rochelle Township High School hosted Prom on Saturday and honored this year's Prom Court winners. Carlos Morales and Kayden Kannheiser (left) were named Prom King and Queen, while Owen Haas and Bailey Jackson (right) were named Prom Prince and Princess.

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LOCAL NEWS

Projects aimed at improving Rochelle's walkability

'Our primary focus is trying to create connections between places and destinations'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At its first April meeting the Rochelle City Council unanimously accepted a bid from Bruns Construction, Inc. for \$360,000 for its 2022 sidewalk/pedestrian path improvements that will include segments of Wood Street, Avenue G, Second Avenue, South Sixth Street, North Second Street and Scott Avenue.

City Engineer Sam Tesreau said that for the past 19 years that he's been with the city, sidewalk funding has mostly increased year over year. The city tries to address different areas of town and the condition of sidewalks is the main factor when looking at improvements.

"We're trying to provide continuity between businesses, residences and commercial areas," Tesreau said. "We also want to focus on trying to provide pedestrian access to industrial areas or places of work to provide people an alternative mode of transportation."

Other city projects are in the works for the future to improve walkability including the construction of a shared-use path along the edge of Fairways Golf Course along Illinois Route 251 from Cleveland Avenue up to Washington Street, Tesreau said.

The city engineer said in today's society, it seems like there's a need for more shared-use paths. In the past, the city has tried to focus more on its existing sidewalks rather than creating new ones due to paths the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District put in and worked with for a number of years.

"However, there are places where it seems to make more sense to create a shared-use path as a collector for pedestrians," Tesreau said. "Again, there's a number of variables that go into it, but I think our primary focus is trying to create connections between places of destination. There's a disconnect there that is not being provided along Illinois Route 251, which is a state route. We're looking at another alterna-



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tive to get that same path in connection between the south side of town and the downtown area."

The shared-use path along the perimeter of the golf course has been an ongoing conversation for the past few years and Tesreau and Fairways Superintendent Mitch Hamilton

have discussed how to best incorporate the path into the golf course setting.

Tesreau and Hamilton believe there can be some synergies between the golf course and pedestrian shared-use path.

"It will kind of meander through the golf course, but along the edge of it

and it will connect up to Cleveland Avenue and over to Washington Street via an existing walkway bridge near the curve on Washington Street," Tesreau said. "In the future we'd be looking at a new bridge over the Kyte Creek, but permitting for bridges takes a long time through

the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and other agencies."

Tesreau said in an unrelated project, the city also has future plans to put in a bridge separate from the existing Illinois Route 38 bridge over the Kyte Creek.

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Greater Rochelle Area Christian Educators entering 18th year

BY DANA MEYERS
G.R.A.C.E. CO-CHAIR

ROCHELLE — Greater Rochelle Area Christian Educators, or G.R.A.C.E., was established in 2003 as a homeschool workshop. Members work together to provide a Christian-focused, fun educational day for students once a week.

The educational experience at G.R.A.C.E. is a hybrid approach. Students and teachers meet together on Fridays. Many teachers, especially in the academic classes, provide daily assignments for students to progress through during the week at home. Most teachers are available for students to contact with questions during the week as well.

G.R.A.C.E. is proud to offer a wide variety of classes ranging from pre-k through high school levels. Subject areas covered include science, math, writing, literature, music, art, foreign languages, economics, history, P.E., character development,

Bible and more.

Art teacher Sarah Taylor talked about her experience teaching. "It's a real privilege to have this unique opportunity to work in an environment where the structure allows us to encourage students to think and process at their own pace," Taylor said. "Art isn't just pretty pictures. It's how they think and the freedom to try. I find students typically thrive when they are given the tools and options to create in a way that matches their learning style with art as the conduit. I'm humbled and grateful for this unique opportunity to foster growth with this collective group of families at GRACE. This is a big network of people, the board, teachers, members and host church, working together to create an excellent environment for learning."

Deneen Dale, co-chair added insight from her perspective as a science teacher. "I have loved teaching biology, chemistry, and physics at

G.R.A.C.E. over the past 18 years!" Dale said. "As a former Rochelle Township High School teacher, I have been able to utilize the education, experience and passion I have to teach another generation of students while staying true to my Christian faith in the classroom. When I come together with my students each week, we will spend some time completing labs, going over material for the chapter we are covering, and answering questions. It is a great place to connect with others who are passionate about their subject material and love students!"

Molly Johnson, G.R.A.C.E. member, stated, "G.R.A.C.E. has been an awesome resource for our homeschooling journey. We've appreciated the benefits of other parents' passions and experiences for teaching different topics and skills during our weekly class days. While this has helped us with structure, we are also able to maintain our own family priorities for

schools and education during the week."

The dedicated teachers are passionate about their content areas and seek to support parents in their homeschooling journeys, not replace them. This cooperative approach to education relies on parental involvement either through teaching or volunteering in other necessary capacities each meeting day. Consequently, parents work within their strengths to create a dynamic environment for learning whether students are registered for a single class or a full day of classes.

The G.R.A.C.E. Board and current members recognize that there is new light being shone on homeschooling. Many families who would have never considered it as an option were forced into educating at home in some fashion over the last couple years. For those who found homeschooling to be a good fit for their families, we want to be there to support them in their homeschooling jour-



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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neys. Just like everyone else, our organization took a hit with the restrictions placed on us due to COVID-19. We are grateful for technology and the many teachers who put countless hours into converting their classes into online formats. However, being able to start this school year in person was a high priority for us, and we chose to do so even though we weren't going to be able to function at full capacity. We are entering the 2022-2023 school year

with much excitement. Our course offerings are back up to 100 percent with over 65 classes on the schedule. We hope to see many familiar faces back in the fall as well as new families joining the program.

For more information on G.R.A.C.E., visit their open house, Friday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Ave., Rochelle, IL 61068. You can also visit their website at www.gracerochelle.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

EXPO: City of Rochelle holding hiring event May 6

From page 1

City of Rochelle Industrial Development Manager Peggy Friday called that event “incredibly successful” and wants to replicate it.

“In conversations with our industries and retail, we realize there is a strong need,” Friday said. “As we grow and new businesses come, we need the workers. We need a way to strengthen our workforce. Last fall was a huge success. We sold out space immediately and had 43 businesses and 200 job seekers. We wanted to replicate that again. We hear from our industries every day about how important this is.”

For an hour before the public event begins, the hiring expo will be open to just RTHS students, who event organizers want to expose to local opportunities.

“A lot of times we talk about how to keep our young people in our community and how we can get them back after college,” Bearrows said. “These kids will have a first-hand look at what we have locally.”

Friday said the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape for the American worker and there’s more room



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for young people. She wants the area’s industries to capture those workers early and show them the opportunities and expose them to “some of the best jobs in the region and country.”

“And there’s opportunities to move up and grow,” Friday said. “Some of the best opportunities are right here and the pay scales are growing. We’re just really excited to spend that first hour exposing those kids to what Rochelle has to offer.”

The organizers of the hiring expo were not able to get hard numbers of how many people got jobs at the fall hiring expo, Friday said, but every business that participated said it was a value to be there. They came away with waiting lists of potential hirees that some have been using to hire from since.

As of Friday, the hiring expo was still looking for more employers for the event and has room for up to 43. Friday said to call city hall or email her at

pfriday@rochelleil.us if you want to participate as a business.

Tyson Foods will be providing a complimentary lunch to job seekers and Rochelle Foods will be feeding the employers and volunteers. 102.3 The Coyote and SuperHits 95.3 will be doing a live remote from the event.

“We just want to encourage employers to take advantage of this and there’s no cost to them,” Friday said. “Last year we had families come to

it together. This expo is literally for everyone. Every type of business will be represented. If you’re in Rochelle or the surrounding area, we encourage you to come to this expo.”

Through the city’s HR department, there will be a booth to help people with resumes and interview coaching. Jobseekers can also schedule a separate time with City of Rochelle HR to work on those skills.

At the fall hiring expo, the Rochelle Fire Department’s bell was on-hand

and was rung every time someone was hired.

“It happened 20 seconds into the event and went on all throughout the day,” Friday said. “Employers hired people and scheduled interviews on the spot and made connections. It was incredibly successful. We branded it last year as Rochelle is the community of opportunity. This hiring expo proves that. There is an opportunity to grow to love this community because of the opportunities that are here.”

WALK: Tesreau details future infrastructure projects

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It would be on the north side, due to the fact that there’s currently no pedestrian way on the north side of Illinois Route 38. That is another state-owned route.

“I’ve had contact with the Illinois Department of Transportation over the years about incorporating a pedestrian crossing onto the existing bridge to no avail,” Tesreau said. “So, our only other approach is acquire an easement through there off of the Illinois Route 38 right of way and then build our own pedestrian bridge. That would allow connection over to Currency Court and then ultimately over to Caron Road to allow another connection to that commercial area around Walmart.”

Another future project that could improve walkability in Rochelle is the future reconstruction of Illinois Route 251 on the north side of town from Fairview Drive to south of the new Starbucks. City officials spend time lobbying IDOT to move forward with the project.

Illinois Route 251 would be widened to five lanes with two northbound and two southbound and a bidirectional lane in the

middle. Curb and gutter will be included in the project. Tesreau said there are plans to incorporate sidewalks along Illinois Route 251 to connect Flagg Road with Illinois Route 38.

“In addition to that, there’s going to be an off-site shared-use path that will ultimately run up to Flagg Road via North Eighth Street and then behind RP Home & Harvest,” Tesreau said. “And then there’s a short piece of path up there along Flagg Road that that will connect to. And then as things develop along that corridor out there, we will incorporate a shared use path into that too to get out to the high school.”

Shared-use path projects will come out of the city’s yearly sidewalk/pedestrian path improvements budget that is typically between \$350,000-400,000 annually. IDOT’s Illinois Route 251 reconstruction project will be about \$9 million, Tesreau said. The sidewalk portion of that project will likely cost the city in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

“We do have some responsibility to pay for sidewalks on a state route if we desire new sidewalks,” Tesreau said. “The state will pay a portion



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of that, but ultimately it will probably be about \$500,000 for the city.”

Tesreau believes the city has made “great strides” with walkability for a community of Rochelle’s size and the budget it has available

to do sidewalk work. He believes walkability is very important for a community to provide walking access to places of destination including schools.

“There’s miles and miles of sidewalks throughout

the city,” Tesreau said. “We’re just trying to keep up with the replacement of the worst-conditioned sidewalks and at the time to expand our pedestrian walkway system as well. We’ve replaced over a million square feet of side-

walk just within the past 19 years. That’s huge for a community of our size. I believe right now Chicago for comparison has about \$3.5 million they use for sidewalk replacement, but they have over two million people.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Police Department

Rochelle man arrested on outstanding county warrant

ROCHELLE — On April 22 at 11:37 a.m. Brandon M. Barns, 29, of Rochelle was arrested for an outstanding warrant in Ogle County and one in Lee County. He paid \$816 and was given a May 12 Lee County court date.

On April 22 at 10:22 p.m. a 16-year-old male of Rochelle was cited for speeding and suspended registration for no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond and given a June 3 Rochelle court date.

On April 22 at 2:56 p.m. a 12-year-old male of Rochelle was arrested for battery. He was released on an I-Bond with no court date listed.

On April 24 at 12:41 a.m. Benjamin W. Thompson, 45, of DeKalb was

arrested for driving while license revoked and cited for speeding. He was released on an I-Bond and given a June 3 Rochelle court date.

On April 24 at 7:35 p.m. a 16-year-old male of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for no insurance and disobeying a stop sign. He was released on an I-Bond and given a June 3 Rochelle court date.

On April 24 at 10:13 p.m. David C. Kmiec, 41, of Rochelle was arrested for two counts of possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and transferred.

On April 25 at 12:50 p.m. Mary J. Baker, 24, of Rochelle was arrested for



driving while license suspended. She was released on an I-Bond and given a June 3 Rochelle court date.

On April 26 at 2:48 a.m. Mikaila Oros, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended and cited for speeding 60 m.p.h. in a 35-m.p.h. zone. She was released on an I-Bond and given a May 6 Rochelle court date.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's deputies respond to multi-vehicle accident

OREGON — On April 24 at approximately 3:15 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 8,600 block of East Illinois Route 38. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Zachary M. Roush, 29, of Rockford, for driving while license suspended. Roush was taken into custody without incident and released on a \$2,500 individual bond with a return court date set. Roush was also issued a citation for operating uninsured motor vehicle.

On April 25 at approximately 1:01 p.m. deputies responded to the 5,800

block of North Illinois Route 2 in reference to a multi-vehicle accident. A preliminary investigation revealed that a southbound vehicle driven by Dirk Miller, 55, of Mt. Morris, crossed the centerline and traveled into the northbound lane where it struck two oncoming vehicles. Miller was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS where he was later pronounced deceased. The second vehicle, a 15-passenger school bus, was driven by Teresa Gabriel, 58, of Dixon. Gabriel was transported to KSB Hospital by

Mt Morris EMS for minor injuries. A passenger of the school bus, Connie Slotter, 34, of Dixon was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron EMS for minor injuries. A juvenile passenger in the school bus was uninjured and was released to a family member. The driver of the third vehicle, Kiara Franklin, 22, of Rockford, was transported to Mercy Hospital by Oregon EMS for non-life threatening injuries. Stillman Valley EMS transported two juvenile passengers, also in the third vehicle to Mercy Hospital for observation. Byron Fire/EMS, Byron Police, Oregon EMS, Stillman Valley EMS, Mt. Morris EMS and the Illinois Department of transportation assisted deputies at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

On April 25 at approximately 5:32 p.m. deputies were dispatched to the 14,000 block of West Lanark Road for a report of a suspicious person. A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle involved in the incident near the intersection of West Illinois Route 72 and North Freeport Road. Through the course of the investigation, John D. Wilhelms, 57, of Freeport, was arrested for burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal damage to property over \$300, theft over \$500 and unlawful possession of cannabis/driver. Wilhelms was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held pending an appearance before a judge. Deputies were assisted on scene by the Forrester Police Department.

Obituaries

Ruby Call

ROCHELLE — Ruby Call, 87, of Rochelle, passed away on Tuesday, April 26 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab Center. Born Oct. 28, 1934, in Pontotoc, Mississippi, she was the daughter of Willie Lee and Lonie Russell. After the early death of her mother, Ruby lived with her grandparents, Joe Ernest and Beeda "Granny" Russell, in Parkin, Arkansas, before moving to Rochelle in 1954.

She was happily married to Loren Call of Ava, Missouri, from 1956 until his passing in 2002. Ruby is predeceased by her sister, Priscilla Faye Russell Call, and her brother, Lee Russell.

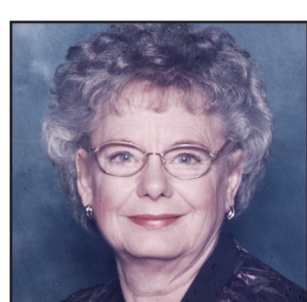
Ruby is survived by two sons, Keith Call of

Wheaton, Illinois, and Kevin (Linda) Call of Omaha, Nebraska; three grandchildren, Tyler Call, Ryan Call and Autumn Call and one great-grandson, Micah Larson.

Ruby worked for three decades in the meat processing industry in Rochelle until her retirement in 1993. She occasionally waitressed at local diners, a part-time gig she thoroughly enjoyed.

Ruby was a gracious, quiet Southern lady who loved Jesus. She worked long hours in frigid conditions to provide a stable, comfortable life for her family. She attended First Baptist Church of Rochelle, a great source of peace and friendship.

The visitation will be



from 10-11 a.m., Friday, April 29 at the First Baptist Church in Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Doug Cowan officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to First Baptist Church, 810 Woolf Court Rochelle, IL, 61068. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Norah Lynn Walker

DEKALB — Norah Lynn Walker, 14 months, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, April 24 at the Rochelle Community Hospital in Rochelle. Norah was born on Feb. 28, 2021 to Donovan and Tara (Burgess) Walker in DeKalb.

Norah touched the hearts of so many people with her contagious smile and sweet personality. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her parents, Donovan and Tara of DeKalb; grandparents: Greg and Kim Burgess of Rochelle, Dana Walker of DeKalb and Dennis

Grimm of DeKalb; great grandparents: Dave and Mary Walker of DeKalb, Jim and Deanna Glass of Genoa, Ron and Lynda Sassaman of Rochelle and great great "Granny" Vivian Holt of Rochelle.

Norah is loved by all her aunts and uncles, her cousins and so many family friends.

Norah was preceded in death by her great grandma, Judy Sassaman, great grandpa, Charles Burgess and many great great grandparents.

The visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the Ung-



er-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. with Pastor Dan Sergeant officiating. Burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. A memorial will be established. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Byron Nuclear Plant awarded \$2.5 million

BALTIMORE — The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a \$2.5 million grant to Constellation and its project partners to explore the benefits of constructing direct air capture technology at the company's Byron nuclear energy plant. While nuclear plants do not produce any carbon emissions, direct air capture would remove carbon dioxide directly from the atmosphere, a possible next-generation technology to help our nation combat the climate crisis.

Constellation, the nation's largest producer of carbon-free energy, will partner with 1PointFive Inc., Worley Group Inc., Carbon Engineering Ltd., Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to research the viability of DAC technology at the zero-emission Byron plant.

"This exciting DOE collaboration highlights Constellation's continued use of innovation and

leverages the clean energy expertise at our nuclear plants to further advance climate saving projects in the communities we serve," said Joseph Dominguez, CEO of Constellation. "We need many new solutions to address the climate crisis and exploring this technology at one of our clean energy centers is a positive step driving us toward a carbon-free future."

The DAC project at Byron Station could capture 250,000 tons of CO₂ each year, reducing global carbon emissions and helping to decarbonize energy intensive sectors of the economy. The study will also focus on the potential for a nuclear plant to become the center of a direct air carbon capture hub, partnering the DAC technology with storage of CO₂.

"Carbon dioxide removal is essential" to zeroing out greenhouse gas emissions, according to a report issued earlier this month by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The report stated the world must act now to reduce emissions before global temperatures rise to dangerous levels by the year 2050.

The carbon-removal DAC study at Byron Station will involve Carbon Engineering's DAC technology, licensed to 1PointFive, within plant operations at the Byron nuclear plant and its twin 495-foot-tall hyperbolic cooling towers. In the

proposed study, a chemical solution would be added to water flowing through the facility's main condenser on the non-nuclear side of the plant. After traveling through the condenser, the water would travel out to the cooling towers, where CO₂ in the air will attach itself to the chemical solution and become captured and sequestered for later use, potentially in industrial processes that will have net zero emissions ranging from creating sustainable aviation fuel to beverage industry (carbonation) production.

The study, which is expected to conclude in 2023, is designed to leverage the massive flow of clean water vapor from the cooling towers to eliminate carbon emissions created by emitting power plants, transportation and other industrial sources. The study will inform any future decisions around how and where a DAC facility might be integrated with a nuclear plant.

"Constellation's nuclear experts deliver world-class reliability while incorporating innovative methods to help address climate change," said Dave Rhoades, chief nuclear officer at Constellation. "A project like this will give nuclear power, which already delivers the most carbon-free electricity of any source in the nation, an even bigger role in helping America accelerate the transition to a carbon-free future."

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received from the Rochelle Police,

the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, will be printed without exception. Requests to omit particular reports will not be considered or honored at any time.



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LOCAL NEWS

CITY: Council discusses liquor license structure

From page 1

Instead of waiting to be paid by the city over the life of the TIF, Salt 251's owner asked instead to be reimbursed in two installments of \$89,500, one in June 2022 and one in June 2023. The city has paid \$40,000 towards the \$250,000 in reimbursable expenses.

"And then he'll forgive the rest, which is about a \$30,000 forgiveness," Fiengenschuh said. "It's just an opportunity to wrap up this development agreement and it saves the city \$30,000 we would've paid over the life of the TIF."

NIAB

The council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Northern Illinois Ambulance Billing, Inc. The city and Rochelle Fire Department do not do their own billing after the fire department transfers a patient in its ambulance and they use a company like NIAB to do it.

The city entered into a contract with NIAB in 2014 to provide all ambulance billing services and renewed it in 2017. During the 2021 audit it was discovered the contract with NIAB had not been renewed. After talking with NIAB about renewing the contract, NIAB agreed to reduce its collection fee from nine percent to eight percent of total fees collected. The contract will run through May 2023 with an automatic renewal for an additional four years if all parties are in agreement.

The council also unan-



Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows and the city council were presented with Girl Scout cookies from a local troop. The mayor posed with Rochelle's girl scouts following the presentation.

imously approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement between the city and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority that will see the fire department paid \$500 for every call it responds to on the tollway.

The agreement does not prohibit the city's ability to directly bill patients for ambulance services or companies for hazardous material spills

"It will offset the cost of

running those calls and to ensure that the tollway is protected, they've offered to pay directly for every call," Rochelle Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville said. "Every time we go onto the tollway for anything, they'll pay \$500."

Resort license

The council held a discussion regarding adding a resort classification to its liquor license structure.

In 2012 when the city's liquor code was updated,

a resort classification was deleted due to no businesses holding a license. Recently, the Comfort Inn & Suites Rochelle located at 1133 N. 7th St. and Holiday Inn Express located at 1240 Dement Rd. have each requested a liquor license. City Clerk Rose Hueramo said neither business plans to operate a bar and neither has a restaurant, therefore they don't qualify for the city's other liquor license classifications of bar (B)

or restaurant (R).

The city also has a current moratorium on bar licenses in an effort to limit the number of gaming machines in town. Bearrows said a resort license would not involve gaming.

"Following tonight's discussion, the mayor and I will get together and try to make a proposal and bring it to a future council meeting," Hueramo said."

Proclamation

Bearrows proclaimed

May as Sound the Alarm month in the city. Rochelle Fire will be partnering with The Red Cross next month in a smoke alarm installation event on May 14 to prevent fires in the community.

Girl Scouts

Bearrows and the city council were presented with Girl Scout cookies from a local troop. The mayor posed with Rochelle's girl scouts following the presentation.



Going to DeKalb, charcoal on paper, 1970 by Chris Perkovich. The art show Chris Perkovich: The First Seventy Years will be held May 2 at the DeKalb Area Womens' Center, 1021 State St. in DeKalb.

Creston teacher's art show opens May 2

DEKALB — The solo retrospective art show, *Chris Perkovich: The First Seventy Years*, opens the week of May 2 at the DeKalb Area Womens' Center, 1021 State St. in DeKalb. Rather than rue the passage of time, Chris celebrates her first 70 years by showing artwork from every decade of her life. She is a Northern Illinois University School of Art and Department of Education alumnae, retired DeKalb District 428 teacher and current art teacher for Creston Elementary.

The show is a visual documentation of her journey to DeKalb before and after 1970 to work on a Bachelor of Fine Arts at NIU. It is an opportunity to view many of her paintings, drawings and soft sculpture on loan from private collections.

Also included are photographs of collaborative

artwork done with local children and adults as well as murals and recently completed Paint a Plug hydrants. Photo documentation of art completed to support literacy in the DeKalb Elementary Schools and the DeKalb Public Library is also included.


This solo retrospective exhibition is available for viewing from May 6 through May 27 on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. Also by appointment almost anytime at DeKalbAWC@gmail.com. Parking is available in the lot a half block south on 11th Street. The accessible lift is reached from the alley north of the 1917 building.

A public reception will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 2-4 p.m. at the DeKalb Area Women's Center, 1021 State St. For additional information, please contact: 815-758-1351 or mathroxx4u@yahoo.com.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Remember your loved one with a special tribute this Memorial Day.

With Fondest Memories
David C. Andrews
July 10, 1961 – May 5, 1980



Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.

Love, Mom & Dad

In Honor of Memorial Day

The Rochelle News-Leader will publish memorials of those who are gone but not forgotten. This is a wonderful way to remember those dear to us, and share memories.

Tributes include your choice of verse from the right, and an optional photo if submitted.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send this form, a photo and \$15.00 per listing.

Deadline is Tue., May 24th at 4 p.m.

If you wish, select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to:
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Please Publish My Tribute In The Special Memorial Day Section On May 29, 2022.

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Additional Information _____

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City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

All aspects of public safety

PUBLIC safety is job number one and it is the most important function of local government. However, public safety encompasses so much more than what we traditionally think of, which is police and fire.

Absolutely our police officers and firefighters provide a level of protection of the public that is unmatched and extremely important. They risk their lives every day to protect us, our families and our communities. I know I feel better every time I drive past a police vehicle on the road or see our firefighters training and going to calls.

Yet the concept of public safety goes beyond the confines of the police and fire services. It also encapsulates our public works and utility workers. These are the folks that keep our streets clear, oversee the proper disposal of garbage, ensure that our water is safe to drink and that our waste is treated properly for the protection of our community and environment.

Further, these are the folks that work to keep our

lights on every second of every day and when the power goes out, no matter the time or temperature, they are the ones that answer the calls to restore

services to keep us safe and comfortable.

Adding another layer of public safety is our community development and code enforcement staff. They ensure buildings open to the public in Rochelle are safe from many dangers. This team works to ensure property values are protected and, in many cases, public health nuisances are addressed.

Thank you to all our amazing employees that protect us daily and ensure our community remains a safe and wonderful place to live, work and relax.

“There is no great challenge and there is no great honor than to be in public service.” -Condoleezza Rice

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” -Mahatma Gandhi

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, MPA, ICMA-CM, is the city manager of the City of Rochelle.



Jeffrey Fiegenschuh

The Collier Inn: The joys of a small midwestern hotel

FOR more than 130 years a hotel occupied the northeast corner of Main Street and Cherry Avenue.

This was from 1856 until 1989. Originally, a wooden two-story structure was added to the side of the Baxter residence and the Baxter House Hotel was born. The 1856 hotel served the town of Lane. When Lane changed its name to Rochelle in 1865, the Baxter House also changed its name and became the Rochelle House.

The hotel went from owner to owner; Baxter, to Mayer, to McAdams. Located a block north of the railroad tracks, the Rochelle served as the only true competition for the Lane House which later was renamed the De Los Hotel.

Between the Rochelle House and the De Los Hotel there were two full-service livery stables. With the growth of the community and an ever-increasing amount of rail traffic, the Rochelle House chose to expand.

It was 1899 and the wooden structure was moved. To replace the two-story wooden building, a three-story brick building was erected. The new Rochelle House featured

50 rooms to let and toilets in every room. The advertising of the day compared the European facilities at the De Los (shared restrooms on each floor) and the American facilities of the Rochelle House (private restrooms).

The Rochelle House saw an uptick in business. The new brick building was impressive and private restrooms caused travelers to bypass DeKalb and Dixon to enjoy the stellar accommodations at Rochelle.

With a new owner, John Collier, came yet another name change. The Rochelle was named the Collier Inn.

“In late April 1915 — not yet famous for her writings on etiquette — Emily Price Post made a decision to travel America’s roads across the new Lincoln Highway and write about it for Collier’s Magazine. Starting out from Grammercy Park in New York City, Ms. Post was accompanied by her son, Edwin (Ned) and her cousin, Alice Beadleston. The three travelers set out for San Francisco in a custom-made automobile and 45 days later they arrived, though the car had to be rail-freighted to San Francisco from Arizona after a mechanical breakdown.

On May 6, 1915, Emily’s group became stuck in ‘A Sea of Mud’ just outside of Rochelle after a very heavy spring rainfall. The group took rooms in the Collier Inn for

the next two days and discovered the joys of a small midwestern hotel. Said Ms. Post, ‘it seemed to us as though we had found a veritable Ritz’ (<https://www.waymarking.com/>).

Thus, it was that the Collier Inn became featured in Collier’s Magazine. The Collier featured everything from first-class accommodations and quality dining. Time moves on and the Collier slipped from a sought-out destination to little more than low-cost housing.

By the 1980s the train no longer stopped in Rochelle. Folks from Chicago no longer headed to the wild west for a weekend at the Bain Opera House and time spent on the frontier. The Collier deteriorated, and the owners were more than ready to take whatever profits they could.

Unfortunately, needed repairs and maintenance was much less of a necessity. Once compared to the Ritz by Emily Post, the Collier fell to disrepair. Sections of the roof collapsed, and the city was forced to condemn the property.

The Collier Inn was razed in 1989. After 134 years, the corner at Main Street and Cherry Avenue stood bare for the first time. Today the area is a parking lot next to the VFW and Moose Clubs.

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



Tom McDermott

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

With grilling season starting to get into full swing, are you a user of charcoal or gas?

“Charcoal.”

Michele White

“Charcoal.”

Kelly White

“Charcoal and wood.”

Jimmy Rot

“Gas.”

Katie Paulsen

“Charcoal.”

Stephenie Gittleson

“Charcoal!”

Diane Zinke

“Gas.”

Donald Dodson

“Charcoal!”

Connie M. Hay-McAnly

“Gas.”

Madrene Adams

“Charcoal. It takes longer, but it tastes better.”

Kathleen Hall Williams

“Charcoal.”

Bobby Jo Leon

“Gas.”

Lisa Werstine

“We use both and a smoker.”

Donna Laws Hurst

“Gas. You can grill in January!”

Donna Laws Hurst

“Charcoal.”

Jenny Brannon Elder

“Gas.”

Terry Mitchell

“Charcoal.”

Denise Montgomery

“Both, depends on what I’m cooking.”

Mark G Schabacker

“Gas.”

Donna Rodriguez

“Gas.”

Cheryl Dodson

“Pellet grill. Amazing.”

Diana Fike Arntzen

“Gas.”

Lois Moreland

“Both.”

Brijitte Jones Hartsfield

“Charcoal 100 percent.”

Jeff Egland

“Gas.”

Deanna L Hall

“Both and every day I can.”

Dan Roeglin

“Pellets for smoking.”

Dave Phillips

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COMMUNITY

HOPE's Cinco K fundraiser is May 1-7

OGLE COUNTY — HOPE of Ogle County's Cinco K virtual 5K fun walk/run is May 1-7. This year will be HOPE's eighth annual 5K fundraiser. All proceeds go to HOPE of Ogle County, the local domestic abuse services agency

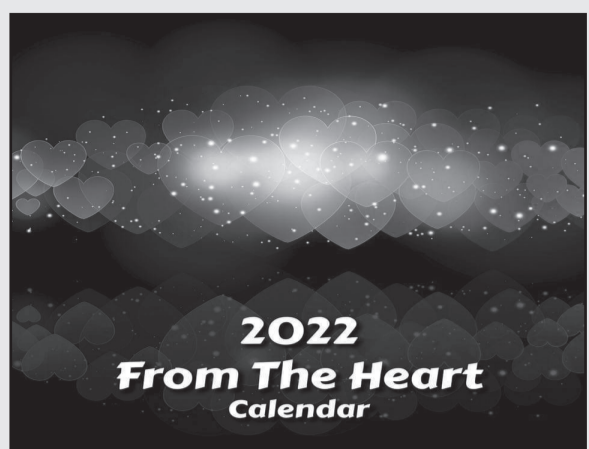
and shelter serving Ogle County and northeast Lee County.

In a virtual 5K, you walk or run the distance on your own time and complete the route you choose.

The registration cost is \$30 for an individual,

and \$25 for each team member in a team of four or more. Shirts are included in the cost.

To register for the event or to donate, visit <https://www.raceentry.com/cinco-k/race-information>. Registration closes May 7 at midnight.



- 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
- April 7 - Mia Lord, Rochelle, \$25
- April 8 - Michelle Gittleson, Rochelle, \$25
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- April 12 - Ashley Peck, Rochelle, \$25
- April 13 - Zech VanVickle, Rochelle, \$25
- April 14 - Jessica Johnson, Rochelle, \$25
- April 15 - Mary Gensler, Rochelle, \$25
- April 16 - Betty Henley, Rochelle, \$25
- April 17 - Rochelle Hospitality, \$50
- April 18 - Sarah Flanagan, Rochelle, \$25
- April 19 - Karen Marsh, Stillman Valley, \$25
- April 20 - Kathleen Fuller, Rochelle, \$25
- April 21 - Tracy Draper, Rochelle, \$25
- April 22 - Sherry Good, Rochelle, \$25
- April 23 - Jan Devore, DeKalb, \$25
- April 24 - Paula Heitter, Byron, \$50
- April 25 - Mildred Danekas, \$25
- April 26 - Mandy Tilton, Rochelle, \$25
- April 27 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25



RMS Builders Club, Golden K present appreciation awards

On April 11, the Rochelle Middle School Builders club and Kiwanis Golden K presented appreciation awards to Club Advisors Mrs. Bruhn and Mrs. Underwood. From left to right: Club President Addison Bingham, Bruhn, Underwood, Golden K Advisor Mr. Woska and Golden K President Ric Taylor.

RCH announces new lab outpatient hours

ROCHELLE — The laboratory outpatient hours at Rochelle Community Hospital are changing.

Effective May 1, the new hours are: Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.

to 1 p.m. The laboratory will be closed to outpatients on Sundays and holidays.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 30
Oakley Gonzales
May 1
Bob Caron
Jamey King
May 4
Susan Morris
May 5
John & Kris Oleson
Diana Dickey
Troy & Minia Waters

May 6
Abbie Overstreet
Kane Cromwell
Kevin & Courtney South
May 7
Barb Aleman
Darah Bridgeman
May 8
Ashley Komadina
May 10
Nanci Flynn

May 12
Bill & Mary Baskins
May 16
Kathy Conant
May 17
Krynn Hayward
May 18
Arianna Thompson
May 20
Darrell & Beth Bolhous

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

April 28 – (Thursday) – Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad
May 1 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Pancakes, Sausage Patties,

If you would like to check before coming out, please call us at 815-561-9074 as we will put the menu on the answering machine. All menus subject to change. Visit www.KitchenTableRochelle.org

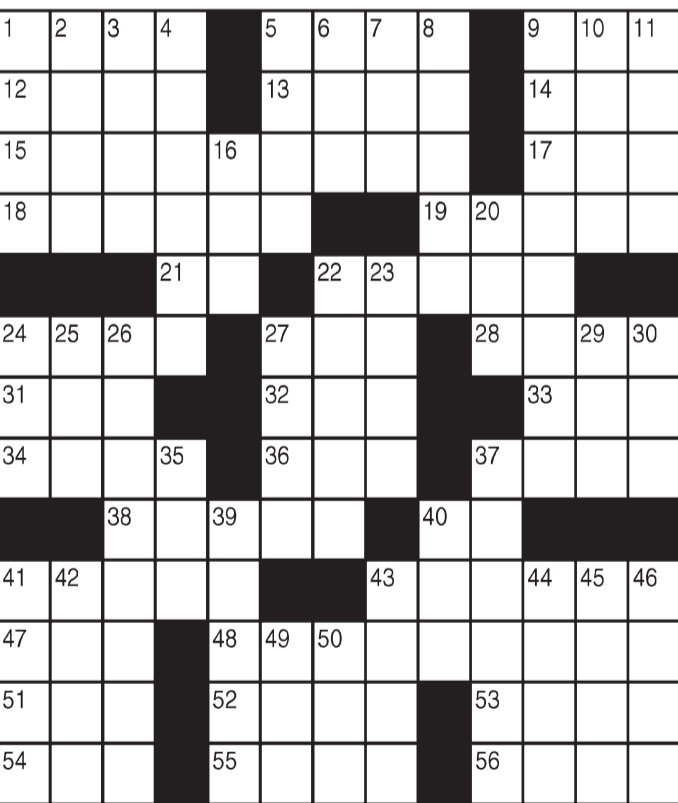


Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

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13 Car
14 Man-mouse link
15 Time between vernal equinoxes
17 "Viva — Vegas"
18 Wesley of "Blade"
19 Striped critter
21 Symbol of strength
22 Chirp
24 Right on the map?
27 — chi
28 Evening, in an ad
31 Duo
32 Grass shack
33 Feedbag tid-bit
34 Big name in scat
36 Boom times
37 "Mad Money" network
38 Beetle
40 Italian river
41 "Untrue!"
43 "Jurassic Park" bird
47 Paris pal



- 48 Game for one
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53 Village People hit
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2 Carolina college
3 Actress Taylor
4 Oolong brewer
5 Methods
6 Shade
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8 Code name?
9 Puzzle answer
10 Persia, today
11 To-do list item
16 "Toy Story" dinosaur
20 Understand-ing
22 Hosiery shade
23 Funny folks
24 Paris summer
25 Piercing tool
26 Start of summer or winter
27 Hoodlum
29 Bar bill
30 List-ending
35 Small batteries
37 Patients' shares
39 Kentucky Derby prize
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41 Houston
42 Actor Epps
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44 Marathoner's stat
45 Killer whale
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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: N equals T

BJQT HJQ HJDQE BFTHQG YMNQ
YNFOO UJMUMOFHQY, GM LMA
HJDTC JQ BFY IADOHL ME
YHQFODTI CDYYQY?

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Answer

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

When the thief wanted some small chocolates, do you think he was guilty of stealing kisses?

CryptoQuip

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword

May HUB NEWS

ROCHELLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

What Is Happening

- May 1** It's May Day
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SPORTS



STATE CHAMPIONS

Rochelle-area wrestlers battle at USAW Illinois Freestyle State Championships.

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RTHS Boys Tennis

Hub netters remain hot

Doubles teams lead Rochelle over Streator 3-2 for fifth straight victory

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Doubles success has led to team success for the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team this season. The Hubs remained red hot in doubles Monday afternoon, sweeping all three matches against Streator and helping seal a 3-2 nonconference win over the Bulldogs.

Junior Nolan Fonfara and senior Devansh Patel earned the first victory, cruising over Brad Minick and Alex Gonzalez 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 doubles. Junior John Green and senior Peter Forsberg then defeated Andrew Vogel and Brenden Christensen 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles.

“We’ve been really consistent and it’s nice that we have a strong senior class,” Patel said. “We didn’t have any seniors last season and I think that experience has really helped us this year. I think we have a chance to go really far this season and I think winning the conference this season is definitely possible. I know we haven’t won a confer-

ence title in a really long time.”

Juniors Owen Haas and David Wanner sealed Rochelle’s doubles sweep, winning 6-1, 6-0 over Cooper Wahl and Quinn Baker on the No. 1 doubles court. The Hubs (7-1, 3-0 Interstate 8) have won five consecutive matches and the team has high expectations for the future.

“We had a tough season last year and we only won five matches, so it feels really good to have a start this strong,” Green said. “Our teamwork has improved a lot and we focus a lot on our communication during practice. We know where the other player is on the court at all times. I think we’re shooting for a conference championship and I think that’s our top goal this year.”

Seniors Jason Zheng and Alex Gilbert took the court in singles, with Zheng falling 1-6, 1-6 against Davey Rashid at No. 1 singles and Gilbert conceding a 3-6, 4-6 loss against Ryan Beck at No. 2 singles.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Alex Gilbert hits a backhand shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match against Streator on Monday. Rochelle defeated the Bulldogs 3-2 to move to 7-1 overall. The Hubs have won five straight matches.

RTHS Baseball

Hubs hold off Sandwich for one-run victory

Rochelle varsity team opens four-game week with 7-6 win over Indians

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Smart base running allowed the Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team to score the deciding run during Monday evening’s Interstate 8 Conference series opener against Sandwich.

With the score tied at 6-6 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Rochelle senior Forrest Gerber reached on a one-out single before junior Bradley Cooney drew a hit-by-pitch to put two runners on base. Gerber and Cooney each advanced on a passed ball during the next at-bat, moving the go-ahead run to third base. Senior Nate Burdin couldn’t put the ball in play, but a dropped third strike that evaded Sandwich catcher Taylor Adams allowed Gerber to cross home plate.

The lone run was all the Hubs needed to secure the victory, with senior Josh Lloyd taking the mound in the top of the seventh inning and hurling his second shut-out frame of relief as Rochelle held off the Indians 7-6. Senior Andy Buskohl started on the mound for the Hubs (4-6, 3-4 Interstate 8), throwing five innings and striking out seven batters. Buskohl also went 3-for-4 with a double and one RBI to lead the Rochelle offense

in the home-and-home series opener.

“We have three more conference games this week, so it feels really good to start the week off with a win,” Buskohl said. “We have some tough opponents coming up, so we needed to come out here and win this first game. I made my pitches and the offense backed me up today.”

Rochelle took the early lead, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Burdin and Buskohl slapped back-to-back singles to lead off the frame before a Sandwich error allowed Burdin to cross home plate. Senior Braden Alfano brought Buskohl home with an RBI single and senior Owen Angell made the score 3-0 in the next at-bat, blasting an RBI double to left field.

After advancing on another Sandwich error, Angell scored on junior Noah Lara’s sacrifice fly for the final run of the frame. A trio of singles led to two runs for the Indians in the top of the second inning, but the Hubs responded with one run in the bottom of the second inning, where senior Grant Messer singled and Buskohl followed with an RBI double to center two at-bats later.

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(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team defeated Sandwich 7-6 at home on Monday. At left, senior Forrest Gerber looks for a pitch to hit. At right, junior Bradley Cooney takes a lead from second base.



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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Forge Wrestling Club athletes Cannon Ziller and Nehemiah Andronic (right) show off their first-place medals from the USA Wrestling Illinois Freestyle State Championship meet at Marmion Academy on Saturday and Sunday. nWo athletes Roman Villalobos and Brenden Voight (left) also brought home medals in the freestyle competition.

Local wrestlers shine at USAW Illinois Freestyle State Championships

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

AURORA — Marmion Academy hosted the 2022 USAW Illinois Freestyle State Championship meet on Saturday and Sunday, with several Rochelle-area athletes representing the Forge Wrestling Club and other local wrestling clubs during the two-day wrestling competition.

Nehemiah Andronic won the 8U 56 Division title with a 3-0 record. Andronic opened the tournament with a 10-0 technical fall over SCN Youth Wrestling Club's Andrew Jones before scoring a second 10-0 technical fall against Toss Em Up Wrestling Club's Nikolas Banda. Andronic sealed the title with a 14-10 decision over Callan Wrestling Club's Keegan Cumbee.

Cannon Ziller won the 10U 59 Division title with a 3-0 record. Ziller defeated Fox Lake's Matthew Ahlgrim with a 13-3 technical fall in the first round before topping Barrington Broncos wrestler Alex Strobl with a 17-7 technical fall in the second round. Ziller clinched the title in the third round, scoring a 10-0 technical fall over Callan Wrestling's Logan Winchell.

William Julian finished sixth in the 14U 106 Division with an 0-3 record and Brandin Kirk went 0-2 in the 14U 149 Division. Tommy Tourdot finished 1-2 in the 16U 113 Division and Xavier Villalobos ended the tournament with an 0-2 record in the 16U 120 Division.

Jackson Norris went 0-2 in the 16U 126 Division and Kaiden Morris took second in the 16U 220 Division with a 2-1 record. Morris scored an 11-0 technical fall over Schaumburg's Patryk Rokosz and won by fall over Hurricane Wrestling's Lamar

Bradley in the second round. Morris faced Toss Em Up's Kai Calcutt for the championship crown, conceding a fall at the 3:06 mark.

nWo

Roman Villalobos won the 14U 165 Division with a 3-0 record. Villalobos scored a 10-0 technical fall over Fox Valley's Nikola O'Connor in the first round before earning a bye and defeating Harvey Twisters wrestler Malik Warren with a 16-2 technical fall in the third round. Villalobos sealed the state title with a 13-2 technical fall over Relentless Training Center's Blake Livdahl.

Brenden Voight took third in the 14U 149 Division with a 3-1 record. Voight opened with a fall over Callan Wrestling's Tate Keith and a 10-4 decision over FWA's Isaac Calientos. Voight conceded a 13-10 defeat against Alber Athletics wrestler Eli Larson before winning the third-place consolation bout with an 8-4 decision over Beat the Streets wrestler Sergio Calleros.

Hurricanes

Phinehas Nadig won the 8U 70 Division with a 1-0 record, defeating SCN Youth Wrestling's Alexander Teafoe with a fall at the 1:31 mark. Elijah Nadig finished 0-2 in the 12U 70 Division and Benjamin Nadig went 2-2 in the 14U 97 Division, recording a 10-0 technical fall over St. Charles Wrestling's Logan Dilallo and a 10-2 decision over ISI Wrestling's Kristian Declercq.

Joseph Nadig also finished 2-2 in the 16U 120 Division, scoring a 10-0 technical fall over Iguana Wrestling's Vaughn Hochstatter and a 10-8 decision over Izzy Style's Jack Palzet.

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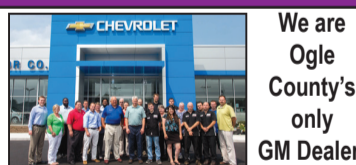
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SPORTS

HUBS: Varsity team secures road victories against Princeton, Ottawa

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“We’re off to a much better start than we were last season,” Haas said. “We’ve taken our game to another level and I think we can go really far this season. Our confidence has increased and we have much more experience in the sport. Our individual skills have improved a lot as well. I think we can definitely win the conference if we continue to play how we have this season.”

Freeport

The Rochelle Hub JV tennis team finished fourth out of eight schools in the Freeport Invitational on Saturday. Sophomore Jimmy Chavez took third at No. 2 singles with a 2-1 record, while Javier Alvarado and Jon Alanis finished 1-1 for third place at No. 3 doubles.

Junior Ryan Ward finished fifth at No. 1 singles with a 2-1 record. Junior Evin Odle and sophomore Parker Lenkaitis took fifth at No. 1 doubles with a 2-1 record. Juniors Jace Whitehead and Avery Auld placed seventh at No. 2 doubles with an 0-2 record.

Princeton

The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team extended its winning streak to four matches on Thursday, defeating Princeton 4-1 in nonconference action.

The Hubs and Tigers split the two singles points on Thursday, with Rochelle senior Jason Zheng scoring a 6-2, 6-3 win over Princeton’s Nolan Mallery at No. 2 singles while Tyson Phillips downed Rochelle senior Alex Gilbert 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1 singles. The Hubs took the first of

their three doubles points in the match at the No. 3 doubles court, where junior Nolan Fonfara and senior Devansh Patel cruised over Princeton’s Josh Orwig and Trent Goodale 6-1, 6-3.

Rochelle sealed the team win at No. 2 doubles, where junior John Green and sophomore Parker Lenkaitis defeated Matthew Sims and Niklas Schneider 6-0, 7-5. Juniors David Wanner and Owen Haas took down Jackson Dressler and Ben Anderson 6-2, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles.

Ottawa

The Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team remained unbeaten in the Interstate 8 Conference last Tuesday, defeating Ottawa 3-2 behind three doubles victories.

Ottawa claimed the first point of the match, with Sebastian Cabrera winning 6-1, 6-0 over Rochelle senior Jason Zheng at No. 2 singles. The Hubs answered on the No. 1 doubles court, where juniors David Wanner and Owen Haas took down Will Goetz and Ethan Kraft 6-3, 6-4.

In a contested battle at No. 1 singles, Ottawa’s Adam Gross edged Rochelle senior Alex Gilbert 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 to score the second point of the match for the Pirates. The Hubs evened the score at No. 2 doubles, where senior Peter Forsberg and junior John Green outlasted Logan Goetsch and Ethan Cela 5-7, 6-3, 10-7.

The match concluded at No. 3 doubles, where senior Devansh Patel and junior Nolan Fonfara held off Daniel Reinhardt and Karcin Hagi 6-4, 4-6, 10-6.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Junior Owen Haas prepares to serve during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match on Monday.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Junior Colton O’Rorke makes a throw from second base during the Rochelle Hub varsity game Monday.

BOYS: Rochelle wins two straight

From page 1

“We’ve had some guys come through in clutch situations over our last few games and we’ve put together some tough at-bats,” Buskohl said. “We’ve had the right guys at the plate during the right moments. We had a slow start to the season, but I think our win over Sycamore last week was a turning point for us. We just have to come out ready to play and we have to battle.”

Trailing 5-2, Sandwich

scratched one run in the top of the third inning before Hunter Pavia’s bases-loaded, three-run double to right field gave the Indians a 6-5 advantage in the top of the fourth inning. The Hubs answered once again in the bottom of the fourth inning, with Cooney sending a double to right field and scoring on Burdin’s RBI single through the middle. Lloyd struck out two batters and didn’t allow any hits over the final two innings to secure the save.

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SPORTS

RTHS Track & Field

Lady Hubs take third at Landers-Loomis Invitational

Sanford leads Hubs to 14th place performance in Peterson Prep Invitational

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

OREGON — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity track and field team brought home the third-place trophy from the Landers-Loomis Invitational on Friday, scoring 79 points in the 12-team meet.

Senior Teagan Meyers finished second in the high jump with a clearance of 1.57 meters. Meyers also took third in the triple jump with a distance of 9.32 meters. Freshman Marianna Saldana placed fifth in the pole vault with a personal-record clearance of 1.68 meters and senior Sylvia Hasz finished fourth in the shot put with a personal-record distance of 10.21 meters.

“I’m pleasantly surprised with our success in the throwing events,” head coach Alison Vrana said. “Our throwing coach [Zach] Miller has worked with our throwers a lot and they’ve been getting better and better as the season has progressed. We’ve been pretty strong in the triple jump, which I didn’t expect this season, and we’ve been really good in the high jump.”

Rochelle’s 400-meter relay team (Liberty Hayes, Rylee Jackson, Kylie Smith and Alivia Henkel) placed sixth with a time of 55.16 seconds). Junior Yuelma Ortiz took second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:44.12 and Saldana finished 10th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 20.48 seconds. Hayes finished fifth



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in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.53 seconds.

“The girls performed really well on Friday,” Vrana said. “They’ve persevered through the tough weather we’ve had this season and they were excited for the opportunity to compete in an invite of this scale because many of our invites have been canceled due to the weather. We ran really well and I think the girls were really excited to come home with the third-place trophy.”

Senior Sara Johnson placed sixth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:56.60 and Rochelle’s 800-meter relay team

(Hayes, Saldana, Jackson and Smith) finished fifth with a time of 2:00.47. Henkel won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.40 and Meyers took second in 1:04.41.

Ortiz placed third in the 1600-meter run with a personal-record time of 5:59.32. Meyers, Henkel and Hayes took third, fourth and sixth in the 200-meter dash with respective times of 28.49 seconds, 28.74 seconds and 29.37 seconds. Rochelle’s 1600-meter relay team (Smith, Ortiz, Johnson and Saldana) finished fourth with a time of 4:51.03 in the final event of the meet.

“We have a lot of good, young talent and we’re going to have some decisions to make when the post-season arrives,” Vrana said. “It’s a good problem to have because we have a lot of kids competing for spots at the sectional meet and I think our team enjoys that competition. I’m happy with where we’re at right now and we have a lot of young kids who are stepping up.”

Hubs

The Rochelle Hub varsity track and field team finished 14th out of 18 schools in the Peterson Prep Invitational at Kaneland High


School on Saturday. Senior Zach Sanford took seventh in the shot put with a distance of 14.06 meters and eighth in the discus with a distance of 38.99 meters. Junior Hayden Inman placed seventh in the pole vault with a clearance of 3.35 meters.

Junior Ethan Bergeson placed 11th in the pole vault with a clearance of 2.89 meters and 12th in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 18.36 seconds. Junior Griffin Ohlinger finished 17th in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.87 seconds and sophomore Irving Escalante placed 17th in the 400-meter dash with

a time of 55.84 seconds. Rochelle’s 3200-meter relay team (Abel Huerta, Wade Smith, Chris Hickey and Hayden Smith) took 11th with a time of 10:37.50.

Senior Ryan Simmons took 20th in the long jump with a distance of 5.43 meters. Senior Luke Orlikowski and sophomore Nathan Sergeant finished 21st and 22nd in the triple jump with respective distances of 10.83 and 10.80 meters. Rochelle’s 400-meter relay team (Ethan Wells, Escalante, Simmons and Ohlinger) placed 13th with a time of 49.06 seconds.

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PRIME TIME

Summer fun for active seniors

SENIORS may have more time for leisure and recreation than working adults, and the summer months provide ample opportunities to get active. After months of chilly temperatures, seniors in various parts of the country may be eager to get outdoors and enjoy some fun in the sun.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults age 65 and older get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week. There are plenty of ways for active seniors to meet this exercise goal and have some fun along the way. The following are some good starting points.

Join or start a walking club. Walking is a great way to stay in shape and work the mind as well. View new sights along the way by changing the route each time you go. Walking with friends can pass the time and provide the motivation to keep going.

Catch a sporting event. Attending a sporting event can be an entertaining way

to spend several hours, and that includes amateur and recreational sports. Catch a grandchild's swim meet or a baseball game for an action-packed way to connect with loved ones and get out.

Take a fishing charter. Casting a rod from a dock or pier is perfectly acceptable, but securing a spot on a fishing charter is a great way to spend hours out on the water enjoying the scenery and the sport of fishing. Plus, there's the added benefit of enjoying the fruits of your labors by cooking the day's catch for dinner once you arrive home.

Be a tourist. Many cities and towns have their own tourism boards and showcase interesting spots that have historical significance or appeal to other interests. Be a tourist for the day — even in an area with which you are familiar. Hop on a trolley or sightseeing bus to view the town as an outsider.

Spend time swimming. Swimming is a low-impact activity that can work the body in many different ways. Devote time to doing a few laps in the pool.



Or make a day of going to a lake or another body of water to wade out and enjoy some strokes in nature. Stick to swimming areas that are monitored by lifeguards for optimal safety.

Gardening is a great form of light exercise that can produce rewarding results. If you don't have a garden or enough space for one at home, many neighborhoods have community gardens in which you can secure a plot.

Visit a fair or farmer's market. The warm weather months are a peak time for

outdoor activities, including various community fairs and farmer's markets. Chances are you can find a farmer's market nearby most days of the week, but especially on the weekend. A town market or state fair is a great way to get out and walk, play games of chance or enjoy some live entertainment. Check your community calendar for local events.

Active seniors can embrace long, warm summer days to enjoy plenty of time away from home.

Safety upgrades for the homes of seniors

MANY seniors want to spend as long as possible residing in the comforts of their own homes. According to AARP's 2021 "Home and Community Preferences Survey," more than three-quarters of U.S. adults age 50 and older prefer living at home. But getting older often comes with certain deficits that may not make current living situations the safest for seniors.

Retirement Living reports that an older person is treated in an emergency room for a fall-related

injury nearly once every 10 seconds. Falls cause millions of injuries and 32,000 deaths a year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Seniors may be affected by low vision, mobility limitations, cognitive decline, balance issues, and loss of muscle strength. Certain adaptations may be necessary if seniors want to stay in their homes, particularly in older homes that have not recently been renovated.

This is an easy modification. Levers are much easier for individuals with

arthritis or persons who lack dexterity in their hands. Everything from doorknobs to faucet knobs can be replaced with levers.

Zero-threshold entryways, also known as flush entries, do not require crossing a lip or any raised barrier. They can appear on doorways and show-ers and make it easy for people who have mobility issues, as well as those using scooters, walkers and wheelchairs, to move

about unencumbered.

One inexpensive modification is to remove extraneous furniture and accessories. Such a change widens walking spaces in a room and accommodates walkers and wheelchairs. In addition, furniture can be pushed to the room's perimeter to make moving around easier. It's also important to remove area rugs, as they're often tripping hazards.

Minimizing falls could come down to providing

support in key rooms of a home. Adding grab rails in the bathroom near the toilet and in the shower can help a person use those facilities without assistance. Install a grab rail close to seating in the kitchen to add support.

Motion-activated or darkness-activated lighting switches and fixtures can automatically turn on lights, thereby improving visibility. Also, rocker light switches are easier to maneuver than standard

toggles.

Single-story homes are preferable for growing older gracefully, but many seniors live in multi-story homes. A stairlift makes a multi-floor home more accessible, according to Elder, an eldercare service provider. Stairlifts make it easier to traverse staircases and reduce the risk for falls.

These suggestions are just a few of the many home modifications that can help seniors safely age in place.



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SPORTS

RTHS Cheerleading

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Lady Hubs earn Interstate 8, RTHS awards at team banquet

The Rochelle Township High School cheerleading team recently held its season-ending team awards banquet, with several student-athletes taking home Interstate 8 Conference and RTHS awards. Seven Lady Hubs earned Academic All-Conference honors (below) including Rivers Estock, Ava Lynn, Lauryn Akey, Rylee Jackson, Baylie Sutton, Ellie Carmichael and Megan Thompson. Five Lady Hubs received All-Conference recognition (above at left) including Morgan Smardo, Lauryn Akey, Ellie Carmichael (Honorable Mention), Liberty Hayes and Megan Thompson. Four Lady Hubs received RTHS awards including Ava Albers (Most Improved Cheerleader), Liberty Hayes (Co-Cheerleader of the Year), Megan Thompson (Co-Cheerleader of the Year) and Rivers Estock (Most Spirited Cheerleader).

RTHS Softball

Lady Hubs snap five-game winless streak

Smardo strikes out 15 batters as Rochelle defeats South Beloit 3-0 on the road

SOUTH BELOIT — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team ended its five-game winless streak to open the season, shutting out South Beloit 3-0 in nonconference action Thursday. Junior Morgan Smardo shined

on the mound for the Lady Hubs (1-5, 0-4 Interstate 8), striking out 15 batters and throwing a complete game while finishing 2-for-3 with a double at the plate.

Freshman Lauren Dyer singled in the top of the

first inning, but the Lady Hubs were unable to score. Back-to-back singles from senior Ashley Knight and junior Addie Friestad gave Rochelle another scoring chance in the top of the second inning, but two forceouts ended the frame.

The Lady Hubs broke through in the top of the third inning, scoring three runs to take the 3-0 lead. Senior Jordin Dickey led off the frame with a triple before coming home on sophomore Ella Alfano's RBI single to right field.

Two batters later, Smardo belted an RBI double to right that scored Alfano. Smardo then stole third base before scoring on a South Beloit fielding error.

Rochelle had two runners reach base in the top of the sixth inning,

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