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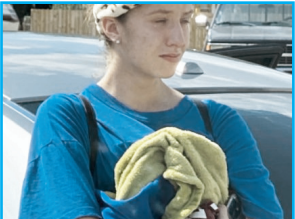
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Graduation date confirmed

Ceremony will be held outdoors permitting weather

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At Monday's Rochelle Township High School Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Jason Harper confirmed the school's plans to hold graduation on May 28 at 10 a.m.

Friday, May 20 will be RTHS's last day of final exams. Wednesday, June 1 will be the first day of summer school with it ending on July 14. The graduation date will not be impacted by cold days or cancellations, Harper said.

Prior to Monday's meeting, the graduation date had only been tentative, due to school administrators previously being unsure what the end of the school year would look like. Last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and indoor attendance restrictions, graduation was held outdoors on the football field. That will be the plan again if weather allows.

"[Principal Chris Lewis] and our team have secured a stage like last year for graduation to be held outside again," Harper said. "That depends on the weather.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Rochelle Township High School Principal Chris Lewis speaks during the RTHS Board of Education meeting Monday evening.

Our plan is to do it outside again. We have fewer issues with the number of people allowed to come per student. In the past it's been 10 tickets per student when it was indoors. We'll be set up to do both."

Re-employment
The board unanimously approved the re-employment

ment of seven first-year teachers, seven second-year teachers, one third-year teacher and two fourth-year teachers. The teachers currently in their fourth year will become tenured next year.

"They've all gone through our local evaluation process each year they've been with RTHS,"

Harper said. "Dr. Lewis, Dr. Perrin, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Zick have all done the evaluations along with our mentor program. The coaching program is led by Dr. Perrin. We feel confident and comfortable with these recommendations for re-employment."

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Apartment development zoning approved

Rochelle City Council also approves solar special use permit

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — At Monday's meeting, the Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a proposed preliminary and final plat of subdivision for an apartment development on Lake Lida Lane in town.

New Directions Housing Corporation wants to build a three-story, 30-unit workforce housing apartment building which will have family housing of two and three-bedroom apartments. Rents will be from \$500 to \$1,180. It will have a community room, library, exercise room and laundry facilities. Apartments will have full kitchens and bathrooms and on-site parking. Units will be handicap accessible. The site is just over five acres and will include a park and green space.

Workforce housing is for households with income between 60-120 percent of the area median income. Rochelle's median income is \$50,000. 60 percent of that is \$30,000 and 120 percent is \$60,000.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
Rochelle Police Department's Jim Gilliam was sworn in to his new position as sergeant at the meeting. Gilliam has been with the department since 2005.

NDHC did not ask for any incentives from the city. Engineering and architectural documents were submitted to the city and state in recent weeks

and NDHC hopes to start construction early in the summer and it will take about a year to complete.

NDHC is a nonprofit and has built and rehabili-

tated more than 500 multi-family and single-family units since its inception in 1994. Its purpose is to provide high-quality affordable housing to households

who would otherwise be unable to afford safe and decent housing without undue hardship.

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LOCAL NEWS

ADDRESS: Bearrows, Fiegenschuh discuss future for city

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The future redevelopment of the Hickory Grove site was touched on as demolition has started to come to a close and the city plans to solicit developer plans soon. The city is also continuing work on renovating and moving more departments to its new facility on South 7th Street, which is the former Johnson Tractor building it purchased over the summer.

The presentation also included plans to continue to pay down debt and issue new debt at lower rates, a final implementation of internal ERP and asset management systems, a request for proposal for city liability, property and workman's compensation insurance, continuing to seek grants where possible and applicable, continued reevaluation of employee positions and developing a joint fire training facility with the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District.

On the Rochelle Municipal Utilities side, Bearrows and Fiegenschuh said plans include continued investments in water, water reclamation, electric and communications infrastructure and increasing its renewable energy portfolio and increasing allowances for residents, such as a solar

rate that was recently put into place for residential and small commercial RMU customers.

The city officials talked about recent happenings in each city department and touched on various other ongoing projects for the future such as Geographic Information System upgrades.

Earlier this month, it was revealed that the mystery company that is filling the former Nippon Sharyo buildings at 1600 Ritchie Court in Rochelle is Zekelman Industries, the largest steel pipe and tube manufacturer in North America.

Operations will commence in Rochelle this fall and the development is expected to create between 100 and 150 jobs locally.

"I believe it's one of the biggest projects we'll see in a long time for the city," Fiegenschuh said during the state of the community address. "They're here to stay. They'll double our daily power usage. I think they'll be great partners. I'm proud of the project."

Bearrows detailed how the city's portion of residents' property tax bills is spent. The city gets 10 cents of every dollar and it's spent on police officers, firefighters/EMTs, police cars, ambulances, dispatchers, school cross-



City of Rochelle: Today & Tomorrow

JOHN BEARROWS, MAYOR

JEFF FIEGENSCHUH, CITY MANAGER



Mayor John Bearrows - City of Rochelle

(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows and City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh took to Facebook live Thursday afternoon for their yearly State of the Community address. The city officials reviewed 2021 and discussed its current position and what's expected during the rest of 2022.

ing guards, engineering, economic development, community development and street department operators.

Bearrows and Fiegenschuh fielded questions from residents during the Thursday address. One involved the possibility of getting a larger chain restaurant like a Cracker Barrel in town. Bearrows said city staff has worked to do that, but the response from those businesses hasn't been fruitful due to Rochelle's close proximity to larger cities with them

like DeKalb and Rockford.

"Our community development department has reached out and provided data to Cracker Barrel in the past," Fiegenschuh said. "Businesses like them locate to make a profit. They look at our retail trade area to get the maximum number of people in the door and they haven't decided to locate here. Being near Rockford and DeKalb doesn't help."

During Bearrows' opening comments, he thanked the community for its support during the

COVID-19 pandemic as lower case rates in the area have brought about what he called "light at the end of the tunnel."

The mayor also thanked city staff and employees for keeping things on track during uncertain times. The pandemic saw the city issue grants and implement things like the RMU Shop Local program to navigate the pandemic's effects on the community, namely small businesses.

"Thank you for supporting our local businesses and being patient with our

staff as we work through very difficult times," Bearrows said. "I want to thank our city council for supporting the change and programs we've put in place over the past couple of years. That group provides the final pieces and acceptance of various programs that we've come to know in our local community. I also want to thank the city manager for continued leadership and guidance not only in the pandemic, but he continues to keep the day-to-day operations running smoothly."

2021-22 News-Leader Scholar-Athlete application available

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 academ-

ics 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 submit 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.

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@rochelle-news-leader.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Police Department

Officers make several arrests

ROCHELLE — On March 11 at 2:13 p.m. Tamika D. Moger, 33, of Ottawa was cited for disobeying a stop sign. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 11 at 8:25 p.m. Jessica M. Hunter, 40, of Sterling was cited for unlawful use of cellphone. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 12 at 11:51 p.m. Ulises Amezcua-Vallencia, 45, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license. He was released on an I-Bond and given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 13 at 1:42 a.m. Sabrina T. Sauro, 28, of Lockhart, Texas was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Rochelle EMS/Fire dispatched to one-vehicle accident with injuries

OREGON — On March 11 at 1:10 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Illinois Route 251 for expired registration. After a brief investigation, Juma Mrisho, 29, of Rockford was arrested for driving while license suspended. Mrisho was taken into custody and released on a \$2,500 or 10 percent I-Bond with a return court date. Mrisho was also issued citations for expired registration and driving while uninsured.

On March 13 deputies arrested Samuel Nieva Rodriguez, 20, of Rockford for driving with no valid driver's license. Nieva was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding. Nieva was released on a I-Bond and will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

On March 13 at approximately 12:55 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop on a black

April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 12 at 5:13 p.m. Justin R. Bertaud, 29, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$500 and was given an April 8 Ogle County court date.

On March 12 at 10 p.m. Ruben A. Benavente, 37, of Chicago was cited for overweight on axle.

On March 13 at 12:05 p.m. Phil P. Kurian, 62, of Skokie was cited for speeding 74 m.p.h. in a 55-m.p.h. zone. He signed a promise to comply and was given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 13 at 4:05 p.m. Jonathan M. White, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released on an I-Bond and given an April 22 Rochelle court date.

On March 13 at 7:11 p.m. Trisha A. Meese,



41, of Rochelle was arrested for an outstanding warrant in Ogle County and an outstanding warrant in Lee County and transferred.

On March 14 at 5:53 a.m. Randi M. Suter, 33, of Lindenwood was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On March 14 at 4:57 p.m. Shaqwalia L. Jones, 24, of Rochelle was cited for speeding 47 m.p.h. in a 30-m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given an April 22 Rochelle court date.



after striking a creek embankment. Trumbull was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On March 14 at approximately 7:52 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at East Illinois Route 64 and Mulford Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Rudy Dozal, 46, of Rockford, for no valid driver's license. Dozal was taken into custody without incident and released on an individual bond with a return court date set. Dozal was also issued a citation for an inoperable rear registration light.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted to maintain the college's current tuition rate of \$147 per credit hour for the 2022-23 academic year.

Kishwaukee College board keeps tuition rates flat for second consecutive year

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to maintain the college's current tuition rate of \$147 per credit hour for the 2022-2023 academic year.

"One of the goals of the board is to keep tuition as affordable as possible," Bob Johnson, chair of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees, said. "The college has worked hard over the course of the pandemic to keep costs down while increasing the programs and services offered to support the chang-

ing needs of students and our communities."

Relief money from both the federal and state governments has allowed the college to provide financial and other student support services to help learners continue to attend college during the COVID-19 pandemic. Holding the tuition rate steady for the last two years is one of several initiatives by the college to maintain affordability. Additional student support services include direct cash payments and free textbooks, childcare

and transportation.

"Kish continues to focus on the needs of our students and offer a quality, affordable education. We are fortunate to have additional resources to continue to support our students, including keeping our tuition the same since the beginning of the pandemic," Dr. Laurie Borowicz, president of Kishwaukee College, said.

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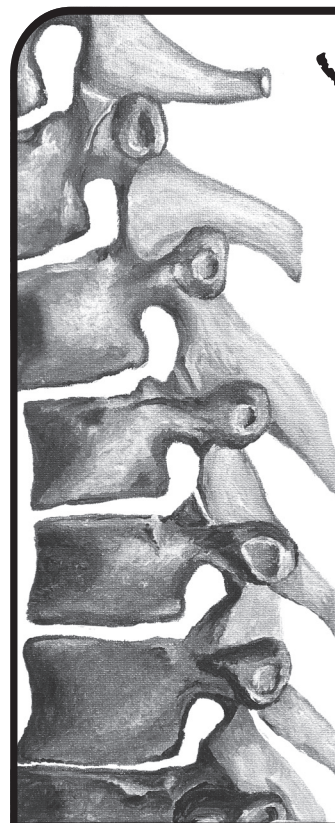
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Helen Eileen King

ROCHELLE — Helen Eileen King, 91, of Rochelle passed away on Saturday, March 12 at Serenity Hospice & Home in Oregon. Helen was born Aug. 2, 1930, to Ray and Alice (Phelps) Handlin in Rochelle.

Helen was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She married Gary Francis King on March 22, 1950. She worked for Rochelle Township High School in the library for 20 years.

Helen was a member of Rochelle United Methodist Church, PEO and the Rochelle Community Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting, playing bridge and making her famous fudge and apple pie.

She is survived by four sons, Graham (Shari) King of Madison, Wisconsin, Matt (Jackie) King of Rochelle, Brian (Mary) King of Bakers-

field, California and Tony (Lynn) King of Hampshire, Illinois and one daughter Lisa King of Byron.

Helen was also survived by 12 grandchildren: Pete (Jill) King of Austin, Minnesota, Eric (Angel) King of Austin, Texas, Ben King of Austin, Texas, Andy King of New Berlin, Wisconsin, Kellie (Matt) Morgan of Elgin, Jessica (Robert) Morrison of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Katie (Waylon) Clairday of Bakersfield, Nicole (Jason) Green of Bakersfield, Courtney (Ed Riggenbach) of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, Emily (Ben) Rodriguez of Cary, Illinois, Molly King of Hampshire and Cade King of Lexington, Kentucky and 12 great-grandchildren.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, brother, Howard



Handlin and sister, Bette Erickson.

There will be a public visitation from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 at Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 16 at Rochelle United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at White Rock Cemetery, in Kings. Memorials may be made in Helen's memory to Rochelle United Methodist Church or Serenity Hospice and Home. Visit www.ungerhorner.com for online video tribute and guest book.

John David O'Brien

ROCHELLE — John David O'Brien, 71, of Rochelle, passed away on March 11. John was born on March 20, 1950 to George and Pauline O'Brien in Rochelle. He was the second oldest of 12 kids and often helped to keep his brothers and sisters in line.

As a kid, John began working at Moore's True Value Hardware. John graduated from Rochelle Township High School in 1968. On his way to St. Patrick's grade school John used to go out of his way to ride his bike by Tilton school where Ann was a crossing guard. They married in 1971. Together they raised three daughters, Alison (Justin) Mach, Alyssa (Anthony) Armato and Andra (John) O'Connell.

John was determined to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they should have. His family meant more to him than anything. He was proud of Alison, Alyssa, Andra, and Ann. He always tried his best to provide for them in every way that he could.

He worked incredibly hard at Moore's True Value Hardware store. John believed in giving back to the community. He was a volunteer firefighter, advocate of the Rochelle Downtown Association and Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and later served on the Ogle County Board and was a member of the Merit Commission for the Sheriff's department. As a collector of

many historical odds and ends, he and Ann have donated many items to the Rochelle Historical Society. Plowing snow was just another way he helped others.

After retiring from the hardware store in 2000, he could not rest easy, so he started Rent Moore. When John wasn't working, he took meticulous care of the lawn. He patented his own lawn mower. John had a swimming pool installed for Ann, the girls and neighborhood friends and family to make memories. John enjoyed scuba diving, which enabled him to use the pool to test his equipment, not just to clean and care for.

John eventually became passionate about sailing and took Ann on several sailing trips. Through his close ties to France and his French "daughter" Melanie, John learned to appreciate traveling to France and found his enjoyment of wine. He could often be seen sitting on his patio, swirling a wine glass, filled with ice and Rose listening to the oldies while enjoying the sunset and the fresh country air.

Anyone who knew John knew that he was a loving father and husband. No, maybe not the most "fun," but he worked so incredibly hard. A generous neighbor and businessman who lived by strong principles.

John was predeceased by his parents George and Pauline O'Brien, his brothers Pat and Mike



O'Brien and his mother-in-law & father-in-law Lewis and Edith Moore. He is survived by his wife Ann and beloved dog DD, daughters Alison, (Justin) Mach of Knoxville, Tennessee, Alyssa (Anthony) of Saint Charles, and Andra (John) O'Connell of Chicago. John also leaves behind his five grandkids John, Addison and Peyton Mach of Knoxville and Vincent and Ava Armato of Saint Charles. John is also survived by his brothers and sisters Mary, Kathy, Tim, Margaret, Tom, Bill, Sharon, Vince and Carrie.

Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. A private funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday March 17 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home with Father Jesus Dominguez officiating. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Rochelle Downtown Association and The Kitchen Table.

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

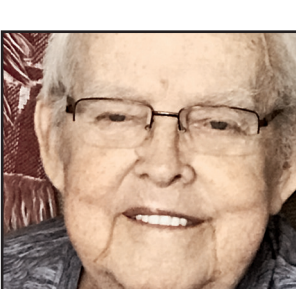
Russell LaVerne Rasmussen

ROCHELLE — Russell LaVerne Rasmussen, 89, of Rochelle passed away at his home, Saturday, March 12. Russell was born March 26, 1932, in Lafayette Township, Illinois, the son of Henry C. and Ella (Bolhaus) Rasmussen. Russell married Velma Bernice Pifer, April 27, 1957 at the Rochelle United Methodist Church. Russell worked for many years as a printer for Rochelle Printing.

Russell was preceded in death by five brothers: Roger, Dale, William, Marvin and Harlan Ras-

mussen; two sisters: Betty Parsley and Eula Fay Friday.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Velma Rasmussen of Rochelle; two children: Steve Rasmussen of Rochelle and Beverly (Larry) Moore of Rockford; four grandchildren: Emily Brown, Ashley (Brendan McKelvey) Rasmussen, Allison (Josiah) Vander Heyden and Patrick Moore; great grandchildren: Haylie, Milaena, Everett and Desmond; one sister: Darlene Stratton of Warrenville, Illinois.



Public visitation will be 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, March 18 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with pastor David Rogula officiating. Burial will follow at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. Memorials can be made to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

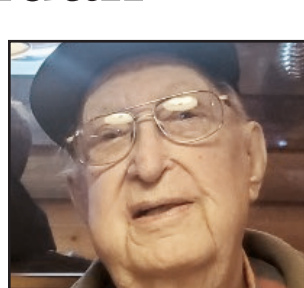
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Vernon L. Randall

ROCHELLE — Vernon L. Randall, 89, of Rochelle passed away on March 12. Vernon was born on March 11, 1933 in Finksburg, Maryland.

Vernon was a resident of the Rochelle area for 75 years. He loved music, playing guitar and singing. He also enjoyed fishing and was an animal lover. He had a unique bond with companion animals. He was a dedicated employee of Del Monte for 35 years. He was hard working and respected. He also had a charismatic personality that impressed everyone he knew. He loved his two daughters. He was a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Vernon is survived by two daughters, Renee Bogue of Overton, Texas and Rhonda Lowden of Overton, Texas; three grandchildren, Brittany (Kuzma) Ziblich, Amber (Mark) Cordle and Christen (Calvin) Espich; four great grandchildren,



Cooper, Niko, Camryn and Chance; one sister, Janet; one cousin, Mary Bauer of Rochelle; As well as one special friend, Garrett Williams.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery in Lindenwood. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com

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LOCAL NEWS

RTHS: Board removes reopening updates from agenda

From page 1

In separate agenda items, the board unanimously approved the resignations of Alex Popidinski (science teacher), Cassandra Smith (dance coach), Jacob Diestelkamp (special education teacher) and Reed Dalen (second shift custodian) along with the hirings of Ethan James (IT support specialist) and Talina Nava (assistant softball coach).

"I have no new updates for the second month in a row," Harper said. "My recommendation is to take this off the agenda as a standing item. If something were to come up, we can put it back on."

Principal's report

During Lewis's principal's report portion of the meeting, he said the scheduling process for next year is underway and students have narrowed down their class choices. Staff and administration will now work on scheduling the appropriate amount of sessions and teachers for each course.

In April, RTHS's master schedule will come together so students can take as many desired classes as possible.

"There's only seven classes during the day, and we want to make sure we're maximizing that as much as we possibly can," Lewis said. "It's the first time in a couple of years where we'll have a good schedule come April and May. Two years ago



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Superintendent Jason Harper and the board resolved Monday to remove COVID-19 school reopening updates from agendas going forward as low COVID-19 case rates and the removal of state mandates like masking and weekly testing for unvaccinated employees have occurred and made for a lack of updates.

schools were shut down and last year was hybrid learning. We're back into a normal scheduling system like we did prior to the pandemic."

On April 13, all fresh-

men, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT or SAT assessment, Lewis said. Juniors take the SAT and it's a high school graduation requirement for the state.

"It's not nearly emphasized as much at the college level as it used to be," Lewis said. "A lot of the schools are more focused on grades and resumes and the things

kids are doing at their high school. Seniors will have that day off. It's all hands on deck with our staff that day and the students that need accommodations that day will get them."

RACF announces Plains, Trains & Automobiles event

ROCHELLE – Please put your trays and seats in the upright and locked positions...because Planes, Trains & Automobiles is ready for takeoff! The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) would like to personally invite the community to attend this family friendly event on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Rochelle Municipal Airport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will support the RACF and its mission as it looks forward to strengthening its community impact.

Jacob Becker, event chair and RACF board member said, "Since Rochelle's history is so intertwined with the evolution of transportation, RACF felt that it only made sense that our first annual event pay homage to that relationship. This event will be the perfect opportunity

to whip out your 'picnic best' and enjoy an afternoon celebrating Rochelle and the modes of transportation that have helped put it on the map over the last century."

"We are excited to offer an event that appeals to all ages", Emily Anaya, RACF executive director, said. "We foresee a day full of fun for families and friends. There is an invite only car show, planes on display, Burlington Rail-

road is building a train cab for guests to tour, an online only silent auction and some amazing food. RACF is grateful to our sponsors who have already secured their level of support for this special day."

Tickets for the event will go on sale Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the RACF Office, located at 350 May Mart Dr. You will be required to wear your ticket (wristband) that day allowing you to come

and go as you please.

If you are looking for more information about the event, sponsorship opportunities or just have questions, please call the RACF at

815-561-3600, email director@rochellefoundation.org, visit the website at rochellefoundation.org or the Events section of its Facebook page.

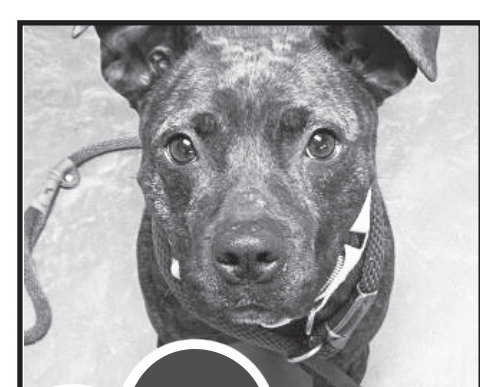
State Police arrest Rochelle man on county warrant

OGLE COUNTY – Gary A. Harris, 24, of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, was stopped for an equipment violation on March 13 at 7:42 p.m. on Illinois Route 72 at Interstate 39 in Ogle County and was charged with driving while license suspended. Harris was released on an I-bond.

Antwon M. Woodson, 29, of Rochelle, was stopped for a registration violation on March 7 at 1:36 a.m. on 10th Avenue at Lincoln Highway in Rochelle and was wanted on an Ogle County warrant for failure to appear for larceny. Woodson was transported to the Ogle County Jail.



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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Green eggs and ham

WE are lucky to have a supported library and a collection of over 60,000 volumes in our community. Our collection includes a variety of titles and all types of genres. In March, we always search our vast collection for books with green



Sarah Flanagan

met Helen Palmer, his first wife and the person who encouraged him to become a professional illustrator. Back in America,

Geisel worked as a cartoonist for a variety of magazines and in advertising.

The first children's book that Geisel wrote and illustrated, 'And to Think That

I Saw It On Mulberry Street,' was rejected by over two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937. Geisel's first bestseller, 'The Cat in the Hat,' was published in 1957. The story of a mischievous cat in a tall striped hat came about after his publisher asked him to produce a book using 220 new-reader vocabulary words that could serve as an entertaining alternative to the school reading primers children found boring." (<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/dr-seuss-born>).

Do you like green eggs and ham? Libraries are places where you can relax, read and express your imagination. You gain knowledge and learn about many subjects. Think of all of the information that is stored in the books in our building just waiting to be unlocked. Come in, bring your library card, choose a book and let your imagination soar.

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

Orphan train: Part 1

“ASYLUM CHILDREN: A company of about 20 children from the New York Juvenile Asylum from seven to 15 years of age will be in Rochelle at the Brackett House.

Thursday morning, March 6. Homes are wanted for them with farmers' families in this and adjoining counties, where they will receive kind treatment, good moral training, and a fair common education.

They may be taken on trial for two weeks, and then under indentures until of age, provided they prove satisfactory. The terms of the indentures are that they shall receive a fair common school education, and paid \$100 and two suits of clothes when of age. This company will consist mostly of boys, and they will be at the hotel at the appointed time without fail. Please meet them on that day. When indentures are executed, a small payment for passage expenses will be required. E. Wright, agent. P.S. Enquire at your post office for a hand bill giving further particulars.” This ad appeared in the Rochelle newspapers in 1879.

In 1850, there were thousands of children on the streets of New York with no food and little, if any, supervision. Germans, Irish, Italians and many other nationalities were coming to America. America, the land of opportunity, where the streets were paved in gold and everyman could prosper. Unfortu-

nately, the reality was somewhat different.

Robert and Jane boarded a ship in Ireland with their three young children and made the crossing to Philadelphia. The trip was very difficult and Robert suffered from poor health for the whole trip. Within a few years, Robert passed away and Jane was left alone to provide for herself and her children. She was overwhelmed.

Remy and Eugene Heydacker lived in New York.

In 1872, their mother passed away leaving them in the sole care of their father. Mr. Heydacker was a ship's cook and found himself unable to provide financial support for his family unless he went to sea, in which case he could not be present to raise his boys.

Archie, Jake and Elizabeth Fisher had a good life in New York until their father, a police officer, died. Every day there were more and more children who found themselves hungry or on the streets.

Charles Loring Brace founded the Children's Aid Society in 1853. The purpose of the society was to find homes for the lost children of New York. Mr. Brace had a plan based on systems that he had witnessed in Europe. The city had more people than jobs and the farmers out west needed laborers.

Typhoid Fever, Yellow Fever and Spanish Flu epidemics took the lives of many children and adults alike. The Civil War and World War I led to the loss of

thousands more young males. If the west was to be settled, more able-bodied settlers were needed. To Charles Loring Brace, the answer was obvious, transport the street children of New York to the west.

This would solve the problem of abandoned children and the lack of laborers in the west. From 1854 through 1929, more than 200,000 children were loaded on trains and sent to be housed in the rural plains of America. There were four major causes for a child to be considered for "placing out." The parent or parents could not pay sufficient attention to the children, the child was incorrigible or required the discipline that the Society could provide, the family could not afford to financially support the children or one of the parents is a criminal or intemperate.

The system was quite simple. The parent would deliver the child or children to the Children's Aid Society and sign off their parental rights. The Society could then do as they pleased for the benefit of the child. The logic of the day was that the fresh air and honest labor of the western farmer was far superior to the squalor of the larger city. Charles Loring Brace was ready to start his grand experiment.

Part two of this column will appear in a future edition of the Rochelle News-Leader.

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



Tom McDermott

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

With spring holidays like St. Patrick's Day and Easter approaching, what is your favorite holiday to celebrate during the year?

“Christmas.”
Katie Paulsen

“4th of July.”
Eva Ip

“Christmas.”
Denise Montgomery

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COMMUNITY

RPD seeking help in search for missing teen

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Police Department is seeking the community's help in its search for a missing teen. Addison C. Egland of Rochelle was last seen in the 300 block of Woolf Court in Rochelle on Sunday Jan.

16 wearing sweat pants and brown coat with fur lining. Egland is a 5'7", 110-pounds with blue eyes and brown hair. Egland may be with 44-year-old Franky Martinez, who drives a silver 2008 Nissan.

She is believed to still be in the Rochelle/Hillcrest area. If you see her, please call Rochelle Police Department non-emergency number at (815) 562-2131 or Detective Brian Albers at 815-562-6736, extension 5.



Cemetery clean up needs to be done by April 1

CRESTON — April 1 is the final deadline for removing grave blankets, wreaths, old flowers, etc. from graves at Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston. After that, they will be de-

stroyed. With this warmer weather the items are not frozen in, so it would be a good time to remove them. Please help the cemetery by removing your

own grave blankets, etc. This cemetery is not a tax-based cemetery, so help keep costs down. There are rules on the side of the building as to what is and isn't permitted

in the cemetery. The annual meeting of the cemetery is March 17. If anyone has any concerns or questions please contact Lyle at 815-375-8996 prior to the meeting.

Free coin appraisal at Rochelle Moose

ROCHELLE — On Sunday, April 3, there will be a free coin appraisal at the Rochelle Moose. This

event, open to the public, will be held 1-4 p.m. in the dining room with John Gruben and Dave Schabacker

doing the appraisals. They can even evaluate foreign coinage and U.S. paper money. Bring down your

collection of coins you have gathered through the years and have them evaluated right here in Rochelle.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 16
Christy Oleson

March 19
John Overstreet

March 20
Jesse Lopez

Rachelle Phillips

March 22
Wakely Peterman

March 23
Kristi Gonzales

March 24
John Wooten

Lanie McPhearson

March 25
Chaz & Kathy Conant

Liz Danekas

Shaun Rosenbach

March 26
LeeAnn Komadina

Kim Dougherty

Bernie & Anna Sexton

Call 815-561-2151 to submit names for birthdays and anniversaries

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

March 17 - (Thursday) - Corned Beef and Cabbage, Collard Greens, Cornbread, Ginger Beer

March 18 - (Friday) - Fish Fry!!! Deep Fried Cod, Coleslaw and Fries

March 22 - (Tuesday) - Parmesan Chicken Tenders, Avocado Black Olive Pasta Salad,

March 24 - (Thursday) - Chicken Salad Sandwich or on Lettuce Boats, Chips,

March 29 - (Tuesday) - Sweet and Sour Chicken, Egg Rolls, Potstickers

March 31 - (Thursday) - Chicken and Waffles with Syrup, Coleslaw

April 3 - (Sunday Brunch) - Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Breakfast Casserole, Oatmeal, Sausage Patties

****All menus are subject to change.**

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. www.KitchenTableRochelle.org

Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Soak up the sun

5 Joke

8 Sports figure?

12 Penne — vodka

13 Playwright Levin

14 "Oops!"

15 Picnic spoiler

16 Vacuum's lack

17 Novelist Jaffe

18 Chinese food assortment

20 Some mixologists

22 Docs' org.

23 "Uh-huh"

24 Tousle

27 "Locksley Hall" poet

32 Year in Mexico

33 Sock part

34 Stop — dime

35 Short recital piece

38 Uppity one

39 Spike's warning

40 Three, in Rome

42 JFK's vessel

45 Brother's son

49 Leveling wedge

50 Jurist Fortas

52 "I did it!"

53 Antitoxins

54 — the sea-son ...

55 Ireland

56 Tiny amounts

57 Six-pack muscles

58 Head, to Henri

7 Attire

8 "Oklahoma!" carriage

9 Oscar-winning actress Emma

10 Top-of-the-line

11 Compared to

19 Hesitant sound

21 Objectivist Rand

24 More (Sp.)

25 Popular card game

26 Lark, for one

28 Very long time

29 Fastidious trait

30 Yoko of music

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37 La-la lead-in seven

41 Concerning

42 "Hey!"

43 Ellington's "Take — Train"

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46 Aesopian also-ran

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48 Fade away

51 Clothing protector

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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: ♦

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CryptoQuip

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

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

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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LOCAL NEWS



Mayor John Bearrows presented a gold key to the city during the meeting to Jeremiah Diehl (left), who raised money and did a personal hygiene product drive for the Rochelle Food Bank for his eagle scout project. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh presented a Good News award to Finance Director Chris Cardott and her team (right) for receiving a certificate of excellence for the eighth year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association.



(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)

CITY: Council approves 14th Street improvements

From page 1

“If they were not combining these lots, it’s already zoned for what they want to do,” Mayor John Bearrows said. “For two years we’ve heard about workforce housing. I certainly hope this is a step towards getting some of that. This is just zoning. It’s whether or not we’re going along with combining the two lots.”

Solar

The council unanimously approved a petition by Rochelle Solar to add the terms of 40 years to their special use permit for a future solar farm. Last year, Rochelle Solar entered into an annexation agreement for 87.89 acres with the city for the southwest corner of Twombly Road and the North Caron Road proposed extension to develop a solar farm. The property was zoned for rural devel-

opment at the time of annexation, which required a special use permit. That was granted, but Rochelle Solar desired to go up to 40 years of special use to make it consistent with the language in its annexation agreement.

A proposed timeline shown by Rochelle Solar at the meeting said it plans to complete an interconnection agreement with U.S. power grid operator PJM in January 2024 before beginning construction on the solar site in March 2024 and being operational in November 2024.

Almost half of the nearly 90 acres in the area will be covered with solar panels.

14th Street

The council unanimously approved the acceptance of a \$326,068 bid from Martin and Company Excavating for improvements to 14th Street.

The improvements will

include complete pavement removal and reconstruction more suited for the truck route. Approved Monday was phase one of the project, which will go from Lincoln Avenue to 6th Avenue. The second phase will be completed when funds allow. The Martin bid is approximately 16 percent lower than an engineer’s estimate of cost of \$378,000.

The city manager and/or the city engineer will have the authority to negotiate further change order work, not to exceed \$52,000, within the proposed contract to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to the project. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by the end of June.

A portion of the funds for the project come from an agreement with Silgan Containers that resulted in the permanent closure

of 15th Street in 2001 for an expansion.

Well 8

The council unanimously approved a resolution to complete an EDA grant application for an iron removal plant at Well 8 that would commit \$3.6 million for the \$7.2 million project.

The grant will likely be submitted this month and construction would coincide with the city receiving any grant funds. The city’s \$3.6 million portion would be funded through the SRF loan program with the IEPA.

RMU

The council unanimously approved the purchase of 30 single-phase pad mount transformers for Rochelle Municipal Utilities for \$194,270 in an effort to keep inventory high in the case of a possible future significant weather-related event with

lead times of transformers climbing rapidly.

Also unanimously approved Monday was a purchase order for 360 LED streetlights for \$75,960. That makes up for year’s worth of streetlights as the city works to replace deteriorating infrastructure.

Swearing-in

Rochelle Police Department’s Jim Gilliam was sworn in to his new position as sergeant at the meeting. Gilliam has been with the department since 2005 and has experience as a taser instructor, field training officer and has been a member of the emergency response team for 15 years. He’s currently attending school for police staff and command. Gilliam will be assigned to the patrol division.

Good News

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh presented a Good News award to

Finance Director Chris Cardott and her team for receiving a certificate of excellence for the eighth year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association.

“It’s been a really hectic year for Chris because we’re going through an ERP implementation, which is a complete new software package for pretty much everything we do at the city,” Fiegenschuh said. “You and your team are amazing and I appreciate everything you do and wanted to recognize you tonight for your hard work.”

Eagle scout

Bearrows presented a gold key to the city during the meeting to Jeremiah Diehl, who raised money and did a personal hygiene product drive for the Rochelle Food Bank for his eagle scout project. Diehl has spent 12 years in the scouts.

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SPORTS

IKWF: Youth wrestlers medal at state tournament

From page 14

After a close loss by 5-4 decision to Chicago's Ethan Sonne, Nadig defeated Bethalto's Avery Jaime by 7-2 decision for fifth place.

Voight finished sixth in the 144 Senior Division bracket with a 3-3 record. Voight earned a first-round bye and took down Edwardsville's Graham Taylor with an 11-1 major decision during the second round before conceding a tough 1-0 decision to Stockton's Eli Larson in the quarterfinals.

In the consolation bracket, Voight defeated Manhattan's James Talley Jr. by 6-1 decision and St. Anne's Tristin Golden by 5-4 decision. Voight then fell against Richton Park's Trevon Williams before conceding a 9-5 sudden victory in overtime against Chicago's Kenyonte Louis.

Three additional wrestlers from the Rochelle area competed in the state meet including Zachary Johnson, Brandin Kirk and Aidan Lopez. Lopez went 2-2 in the 80 Novice Division bracket, defeating Murphysboro's Griffin Diehl by 11-1 major decision in the championship bracket and pinning Poplar Grove's Landon Jaski during the wrestlebacks.

Johnson went 1-2 in the 100 Novice Division bracket, opening the tournament with a 5-4 decision over Gibson City's Colton Johnson. Kirk finished 0-2 in the 154 Novice Division bracket. Johnson and Kirk represented the Rochelle Wrestling Club at the state meet.



(COURTESY PHOTOS)

Six Rochelle-area wrestlers competed in the IKWF State Championship meet at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford this past weekend. Benjamin Nadig (above) finished fifth in the 93 Novice Division and Brenden Voight (below) took sixth in the 144 Senior Division bracket.

RTHS Track & Field

Rochelle teams race at Byron Indoor Preview

Girls finish fifth, boys take seventh

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BYRON — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams competed at the Byron Indoor Preview on Saturday. The Lady Hubs finished fifth out of eight schools with 40 points and the Hubs took seventh out of 11 schools with 32 points. Rochelle's next coed track and field meet will be the Sterling Invitational at the Westwood Sports Center on Saturday, March 19. The Hubs will also compete at the Gary Egler Invitational in Sycamore on Wednesday, March 16.

Girls

Senior Teagan Meyers set a new personal record in the high jump, winning the event with a clearance of 1.57 meters. Meyers also took third in the triple jump with a distance of 9.30 meters, while sophomore Alivia Henkel finished fourth in the pole vault with a height of 2.21 meters. Junior Baylie Sutton placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 8.12 meters.

Rochelle runners Bridgett Ramirez, McKenna Cook, Zoe White and Sara Johnson finished fifth in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 13:14.21. The Lady Hubs placed eighth in the

800-meter relay, clocking in at 2:05.61 behind Kylie Smith, Rylee Jackson, Alex Neece and Macy Ramos. Neece took fifth in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal-record time of 11.44 seconds.

Henkel finished sixth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 8.01 and White placed ninth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:05.01. Meyers and Smith took sixth and seventh in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:08.57 and 1:09.27. Ortiz finished fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:23.51 and Meyers placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 30.06. White, Ortiz, Kennedy Adamski and Johnson took seventh in the 1600-meter relay at 5:19.55.

Boys

Senior Zach Sanford finished second in the shot put with a new personal-record distance of 14.32 meters. Senior Ryan Simmons took second in the high jump with a clearance of 1.78 meters, while sophomore Nathan Sergeant finished fourth with a clearance of 1.57 meters. Seniors Luke and Max Orlikowski led the Hubs in the jump pits, with Max finishing eighth in the long jump (5.15 meters) and Luke taking fifth in the triple jump (10.59 meters) for Rochelle.



Rochelle runners Hayden Smith, Alexavier Villatoro, Jackson Smith and Troy Papke teamed up to finish fourth in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 11:15.70. The Hubs placed fifth in the 800-meter relay, clocking in at 1:43.61 behind Irving Escalante, Trey Taft, Ethan Wells and Griffin Ohlinger. Junior Hayden Inman took sixth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.67 seconds and senior Michael Ramsey finished ninth in the 55-meter dash at 7.24 seconds.

Junior Wade Smith and freshman Christopher Hickey placed 10th and 11th in the 800-meter run with respective times of 2:43.31 and 2:43.41. Sophomores Caleb Wysbord and Eli Luxton finished sixth and seventh in the 400-meter dash with respective times of 1:00.94 and 1:02.62. Sophomore Alex Burke took 10th in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:45.00. Wyssbrod, Jackson Smith, Wade Smith and Escalante finished sixth in the 1600-meter relay at 4:10.51.

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OF)
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attorneys are Fearer,
Nye & Chadwick, 420
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No. 0302 (Mar. 2, 9, 16)

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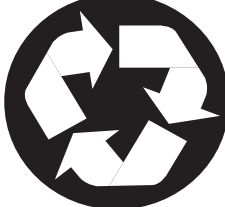
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IWCOA: Three Hubs medal at fresh-soph state meet

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Morris successfully rode Haas out for most of the third period, conceding an escape with only 19 seconds left but holding the Stockton wrestler off to win the title by 3-2 decision.

"It's definitely a confidence booster for me as I work toward next season," Morris said. "I thought my conditioning improved throughout the season and I really started to believe in myself. I owe a lot of that to my coaches because they push me and they believe in me."

Morris was one of three Rochelle wrestlers who medaled in the state tournament at the Bank of Springfield Center. Freshman Joseph Nadig took second in the 113-pound bracket, scoring four straight victories in the championship bracket before coming just short in a 3-0 loss against Elk Grove Village's Grant Madl. Nadig opened the tournament with three



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Freshman Joseph Nadig finished second in the 113-pound bracket at the IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship meet over the weekend. Nadig was one of three Rochelle wrestlers to medal in the state tournament, which was held at the Bank of Springfield Center.

consecutive falls over Quincy's Evan Wakefield, Stevenson's Yash Jagtap and Lincoln-Way East's

Zach Miller.

Sophomore Tommy Tourdot finished seventh in the 101-pound bracket,

winning five total matches including a fall over Downers Grove North's Tyler Tiangco in the sev-

enth-place bout. Tourdot also scored falls over Oak Forest's Dylan Baker, Brother Rice's Danny

Tait and McHenry's Ryan Hanson as well as a 3-2 decision over Stevenson's Andrew Chamkin.

RTHS Girls Soccer

Lady Hubs looking to build on two-win season

Several upperclassmen returning including senior captains Milan, Ost

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Head coach Brad Male felt that the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team turned a corner near the end of the shortened summer season this past year. Male will look for the Lady Hubs to continue building on their late-season success as the 2022 opener approaches.

Rochelle finished 2-11-1 overall and 1-7 in the Interstate 8 Conference last season, scoring victories over Plano and Oregon while drawing Stillman Valley. The Lady Hubs will kick off the 2022 season with a nonconference road match against Harlem on

Thursday at 6 p.m.

"We have several returning players who were starters last season and it's nice to have those girls back," Male said. "We have some young players who are really talented and I'm really looking forward to the start of this season. I thought we started coming together toward the end of last season and our passing really improved. We want to keep that going this year."

Rochelle will field plenty of experience on the back line. The Lady Hubs will return seniors Michelle Ocampo, Lucy Monroy and captain Lizbeth Milan, who earned Interstate 8 First Team honors this past season. Sophomore Dani Ward

also returns for her second year as goalkeeper. Rochelle will have several players returning in the midfield including juniors Jasmin Hernandez, Kailey Harris and senior captain Madison Ost. Sophomore Kara Martinez returns at forward.

"I'm looking for Lizbeth to be a leader for us this year," Male said. "I want our seniors to step up and become leaders for our younger girls. Madison has filled the captain's role very nicely and she's been really helpful in keeping the team together. Kara played an integral role for us at the forward position and I'm looking forward to seeing big things from her this season."



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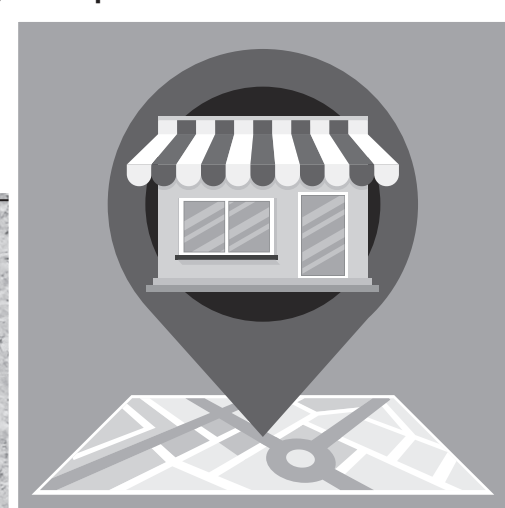
Senior Michelle Ocampo will return on defense for the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity soccer team this season. The Lady Hubs open their season at Harlem on Thursday.

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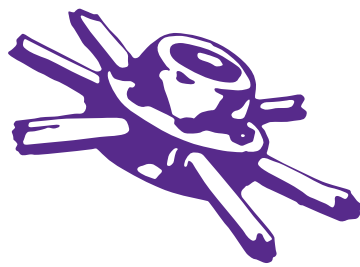
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Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis

**Q: How many years have you
been playing this sport?**

A: This is my first year.

**Q: What do you enjoy most
about this sport?**

A: Using my racket.

**Q: What is your favorite
school subject and why?**

*A: English because it's
in my blood.*

**Q: What is your dream job
and why?**

*A: To be an astronomer or a
physicist because I think both
would be interesting.*

**Q: Where would your dream
vacation be and why?**

*A: Norway because it's where my
heritage comes from.*

**Q: What is your favorite thing
about being a student-athlete at
RTHS?**

*A: Feeling like I'm a part
of Rochelle and playing my role.*

William

Miller

Year: Freshman

Sport: Tennis



**Q: How many years have you
been playing this sport?**

A: This is my first year.

**Q: What do you enjoy most
about this sport?**

*A: It doesn't involve as much
running as other major sports.*

**Q: What is your favorite
school subject and why?**

*A: Math because it's the subject
I have the easiest time with.*

**Q: What is your dream job
and why?**

*A: To be a meteorologist because
it would be great to know what the
weather will be like ahead of time
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**Q: What is your favorite thing
about being a student-athlete at
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A: I feel included when I play.

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SOCCER SEASON BEGINS

The Rochelle Lady Hub soccer team will kick off with its first match Thursday.
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RTHS Wrestling

Morris wins state title

Three Rochelle athletes medal at IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

SPRINGFIELD — Rochelle freshman Kaiden Morris was eager to make a statement during the IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship meet at the Bank of Springfield Center this weekend.

After falling one victory short of reaching the IHSA State Championship meet earlier this year, Morris set his sights on winning the IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship title. The talented 220-pounder cruised through the first two tournaments, earning regional and sectional titles without dropping a single bout. Morris continued to show dominance at the state meet, winning all five matches in the championship bracket to bring home the 220-pound title.

“I really wanted to make it to the IHSA state tournament, but I was really excited when I found out I’d have a chance to compete for the fresh-soph state tournament,” Morris said. “I thought it’d be a great chance for me to compete and I

had a fun weekend. I’m planning to continue on with some freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling during the offseason, so I thought this was a good building block for me. I’m hoping to wrestle a few more tournaments this offseason.”

Morris, who went 40-8 during the high school season, began his state title run with three consecutive falls over Lincoln-Way West’s Mick Kavooras, Mt. Zion’s Remington Hiser and Carmel Catholic’s Patrick Lucansky. Morris faced his first challenge of the tournament in the semifinal round, where the standout freshman broke a 1-1 tie with a takedown in the final 40 seconds of the third period to edge Plainfield North’s Leonardo Tovar by 3-2 decision.

Facing off against Stockton’s Michael Haas in the final round Sunday afternoon, Morris took the early lead with a first-period takedown before a quick escape in the second period put him ahead 3-1.

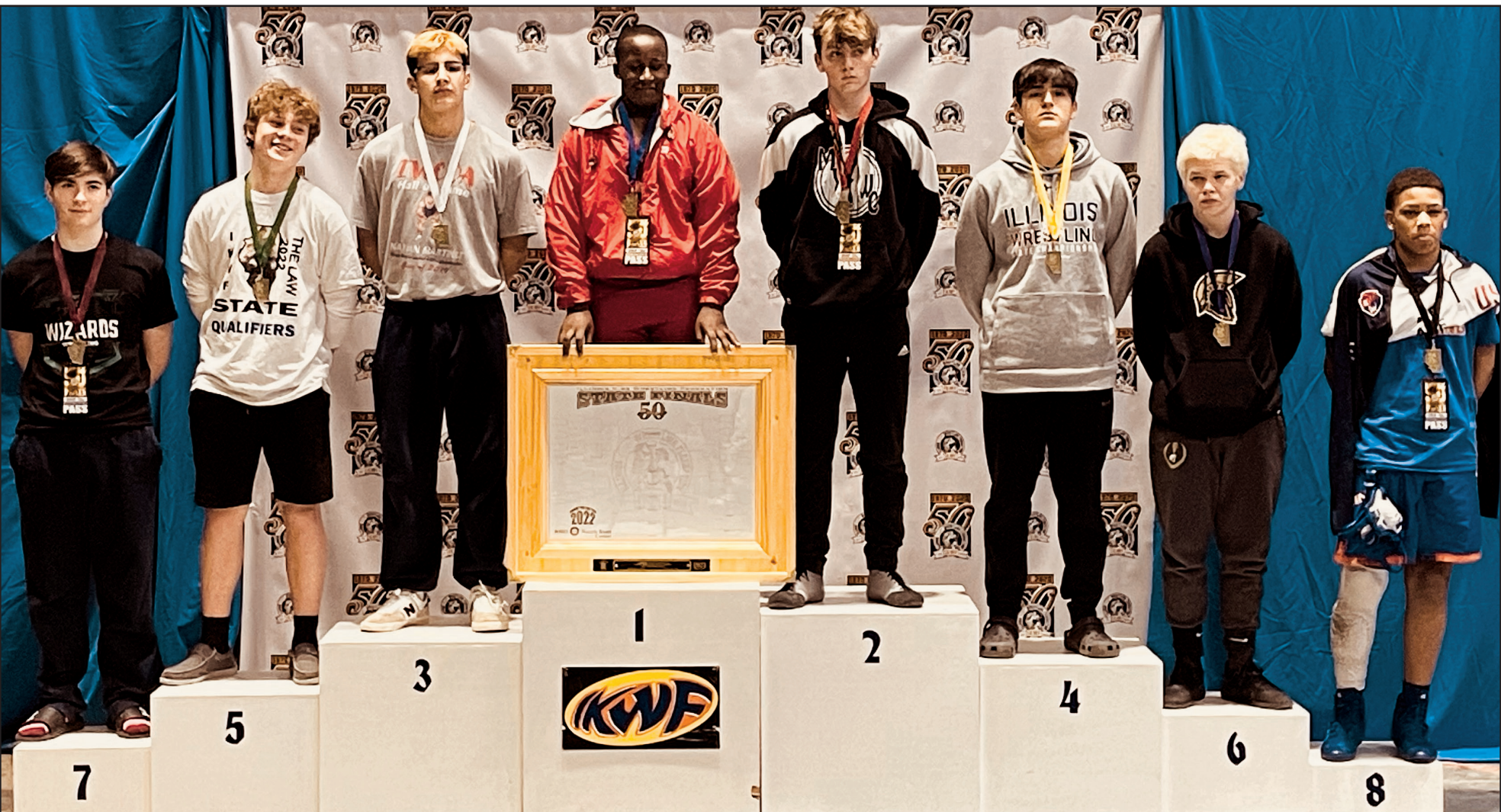
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(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle freshman Kaiden Morris finished first in the 220-pound bracket at the IWCOA Fresh-Soph State Championship meet this past weekend. Morris recorded five consecutive victories to bring home the title.

Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation



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Roman Villalobos took third in the 164 Senior Division bracket at the IKWF State Championship meet in Rockford this past weekend. Villalobos was one of three Rochelle-area wrestlers who earned medalist honors and one of six Rochelle-area wrestlers who participated in the state tournament at the BMO Harris Bank Center.

Junior Hubs battle at IKWF State Championship

Rochelle-area wrestlers Villalobos, Nadig, Voight earn medalist honors

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCKFORD — Six Rochelle-area wrestlers battled in the 50th IKWF State Championship tournament at the BMO Harris

Bank Center in Rockford on Friday and Saturday. Three athletes brought home medals including Roman Villalobos, Brenden Voight and Benjamin Nadig. Villalobos took third in

the 164 Senior Division bracket with a 4-1 record. Villalobos received a first-round bye before scoring back-to-back, sub-minute falls over Rockton’s Harrison Kinney and Murphysboro’s Jack English.

After a 9-2 loss against Marengo’s Connor Sacco, Villalobos rallied for falls over Winslow’s Duncan Nevel and O’Fallon’s Triston Manrique for third place. Nadig placed fifth in

the 93 Novice Division bracket with a 4-2 record. After a first-round bye, Nadig won by fall over Lombard’s Cole Forsyth before conceding a 3-2 loss to Manhattan’s Aiden Arnett. Nadig recovered in

the consolation bracket, scoring a 10-0 major decision over Algonquin’s Logan Woodbury and a 10-2 major decision over Palatine’s John Hanrahan.

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