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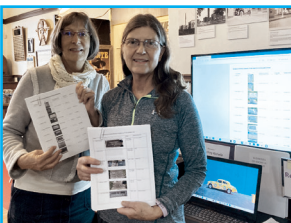
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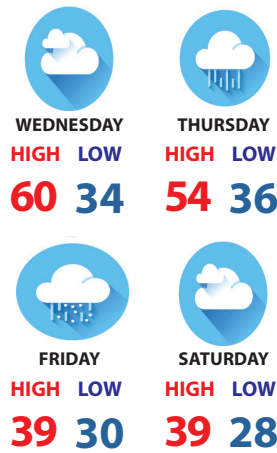
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Rochelle schools facing teacher shortage

Harper: Specialized positions are biggest concern going forward

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Jason Harper, superintendent of both Rochelle school districts, said last week that the effects of a nationwide teacher shortage have been seen in town.

In both the elementary and Rochelle Township High School districts, the quantity of applicants for open teaching positions are down, Harper said.

"It's not that we don't have qualified people to choose from, it's just that the depth and breadth of that candidate pool has become shallower," Harper said. "I would say it's an equal concern for both districts."

Harper said his biggest concern about the shortage going forward for Rochelle schools are historically hard-to-fill positions including special education and bilingual teachers.

"Those were the smallest pools of potential prior to any shortage," Harper said. "When there's fewer options in general, then there's few options for these specific areas."



Jason Harper, superintendent of both Rochelle school districts, said last week that the effects of a nationwide teacher shortage have been seen in town. In both school districts, applications for open positions are down.

That's my biggest concern."

School psychologists, speech/language pathologists and other special related services are also a challenge to hire, Harper said. Statewide data is in line with the Rochelle

area's biggest hiring challenges.

As far as the reasons for the teacher shortage, Harper thinks one of the biggest is that requirements to become an educator have become more stringent.

"The state has choked off the stream of future teachers with the number of hurdles it has for educators," Harper said. "New criteria like increasing the minimum standardized testing requirements to get into university programs,

increasing the number of postsecondary graduation requirements to become a teacher and the controversy surrounding the edTPA state assessment process are just a few."

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RCH implementing new health record system

'It's better for the organization, patients, staff and the community'

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Community Hospital is currently in the midst of a 10-month implementation of a new electronic health record system, RCH CEO Gregg Olson said.

The system is called Epic and is made by a Wisconsin-based company. Epic doesn't typically work with smaller hospitals like RCH, but Olson said the hospital was able to acquire the system through Pointcore, a retail division of OSF Healthcare.

"In my opinion and a lot of people's opinion, Epic is the gold standard," Olson said. "They control about 67 percent of the market. I want to say 72 percent of people in the country have touched Epic in some way. They're huge. And they're very good."

The Epic system will replace two electronic health record systems that Olson said were installed at the hospital in 2011 or 2012. One of RCH's current systems covers the hospital business and the other oper-

ates its clinic. Olson said those systems "don't get along very well." Both the clinic and the hospital will use Epic after installation.

Olson said putting reports together with RCH's current systems takes a lot of time and is expensive. Epic will also allow RCH to be compatible with other hospitals and medical facilities around the world and country.

"One hit of the keyboard with Epic can send patient information," Olson said. "Today, I have to fax and scan information to those providers. The big systems aren't used to that anymore. It's just clumsy and old school. We're fortunate to have access to a product that's well designed and user-friendly for staff and providers."

RCH hopes to start using epic on May 1, 2022, which would be the start of its new fiscal year, Olson said. He said the installation process is "a lot of work" and there are many aspects to it including the patient care side and the financial side.

"This is a big thing," Olson said. "This is going



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Rochelle Community Hospital is currently in the midst of an implementation of a new electronic health record system, RCH CEO Gregg Olson said.

to be an enhancement to our patients. I think we can provide better care. We can have that information at our fingertips. It gives everyone more information on what we're dealing with and that's always a better way to be. We know at the end of the day when this is completed, our people will be very happy with it."

Recently-graduated and future doctors are trained on Epic, Olson said, 91 percent of them are using Epic during residency programs, he said. That could help RCH

attract prospective employees in the medical field that are used to working with it.

Olson said he's most excited about the ease of the applications and the ability to interact with other systems. The Epic system costs "millions" for RCH to license, he said.

"It's a huge investment," Olson said. "I am so blessed that I have such a supportive board. Asking a board to spend millions of dollars is not an easy thing to do. I think we did it the right way and took our time. It took a

lot of meetings."

Olson said RCH is proud to be an independent organization that is governed locally by its board. But for it to stay competitive with larger hospitals in the area, RCH has to stay on the cutting edge, he said.

"For us to continue our path and grow and thrive, we have to be there," Olson said. "We have to be competent, provide excellent service and be compassionate. In order to do that, we have to provide the best products out there."

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LOCAL NEWS

City Council approves change order for Project Jackpot feeder

2021 tax levy ordinance also approved, council members discuss housing study

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle city council unanimously approved a \$1.2 million change order to its Project Jackpot feeder extension project Monday that will include all labor and materials needed to complete the new power distribution feeder to the east building.

The still-anonymous business, which has purchased the former Nippon Sharyo buildings, is investing in the site for an announcement and opening in the future and is said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million and adding 150 jobs to the area.

The change order was made due to constraints on material and time sensitivity with Project Jackpot. Rochelle Municipal Utilities contracted Whittaker Construction and Excavating, Inc for

the work. That company was selected to complete the Prologis Park Substation project on April 12 and has worked well with the electric department and have proven they can complete the work in a safe and timely manner, the city's meeting agenda said.

"The reason we went to do a change order with Whittaker is because they're here and already doing the work on the substation and if we were to go out for bid and take the time to go through all the steps, we wouldn't get the project done in the time needed to have Jackpot energized at full load," RMU Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver said.

The previously-budgeted amount for the work was \$896,000. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said the change order money is coming out of a \$2 million incentive and is not in addition to

what the city has agreed to incentive-wise with Project Jackpot.

Tax levy

The city unanimously approved a 2021 tax levy at the meeting that would result in the city collecting \$2.8 million, an increase of three percent.

Last year, the city's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$259.7 million and its property tax rate was 1.046230 per \$100 of EAV. The city collected \$2.717 million in property taxes.

For 2021, Ogle County has estimated the City's EAV at \$270.9 million, which is an increase of over \$11 million, resulting in the three percent increase. Based on the estimated EAV, the tax rate would decrease .012196 per \$100 EAV for the three percent option.

"Every year I've been on the council we've reduced the city's rate of taxes," Councilman



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Mayor John Bearrows presented a proclamation to the Rochelle Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution designating this week Never Forget Week in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Tom McDermott said. "I know our income is going up, but that's because the EAV went up. The percentage the city is actually charging the taxpayers is actually going down. The city has actually lowered the tax rate, it's just that there's more businesses and industry here that ran our EAV up."

The proposed 2021 levy includes funding the police and fire pension funds as recommended by the city's actuarial

studies.

Hangar rates

The council unanimously approved raising hangar rental rates at Koritz Field/Rochelle Municipal Airport. The increases will take effect Jan. 1, 2022. The last rate increase was applied Jan. 1, 2017.

Airport management requested the increases due to recent increases in operating expenses/outside services/supplies

and the city's funds spent on the five percent local portion of the \$4.2 million in paved surface improvements since 2019.

Housing study

The council heard a presentation on preliminary findings of a Northwest Illinois Workforce Housing study from Daniel Payette of the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council.

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SCHOOLS: Rochelle administrators discuss teacher shortage

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The best strategy to stave off the teacher shortage has been to be as "proactive as possible" in keeping already-hired teachers, Harper said. When openings come, Rochelle has realized it is not immune to the shortage of certified teachers. The districts are also implementing a variety of strategies to increase the number of

quality candidates for open positions.

The process has started with local high school students through a Grow Your Own Program for future educators. Harper said the Rochelle districts are also more aggressive than ever in working with colleges and universities to recruit educators to Rochelle.

"This means building relationships and a pres-

ence on campuses so future teachers know more about what Rochelle has to offer," Harper said. "We'd like to partner with universities and the state on more programs that allow future teachers to get into our district and then we support them with professional development and learning opportunities to become the educators they're going to be."

RTHS Principal Chris

Lewis said combating the teacher shortage has involved a "very active" student teacher program. RTHS has a "strong" mentor program for teachers and he believes the atmosphere of the school and community is a draw for potential hires.

But Lewis said the shortage has been a challenge. The number of resumes that come in versus 5-10 years ago is "a lot less" depending

on the specialized area the school is trying to hire for.

Over the past two years, RTHS has had 15 new teachers in the building, which is a lot, Lewis said. It has about 55 certified staff members. The new teachers have filled positions vacated due to retirement or staff leaving due to "a lot of different reasons."

Lewis said hiring for positions "runs in cycles" and he doesn't anticipate as much retirement and turnover in the near future. Attempting to get new

teachers to come to Rochelle down the road can even start in classrooms today, Lewis said.

"There's a lot of different aspects to getting more people to want to become teachers," Lewis said. "I think a lot of areas are how do you groom kids and talk to kids in high school and get more people to want to be interested in this field. I think it's a great profession and a great job. As educators, we have to promote this as something people want to do."



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Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Rochelle FD responds to one-vehicle accident

OREGON — On Nov. 5 deputies arrested Zachary Mann, 32, of Rochelle for driving while license suspended and an outstanding Ogle County traffic warrant. Mann was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 after being stopped for speeding. Mann was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

On Nov. 5 at approximately 5:03 p.m. deputies responded to 211 Powers Road in Hillcrest for a two-vehicle accident. After investigation, Laritza Deler-Carcasses, 30, of Rochelle was placed under arrest for driving on a suspended license. Deler-Carcasses was transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. The accident is still under investigation.

On Nov. 5 at approximately 7:48 p.m. deputies responded to a residence in the 5,500 block of West Lightsville Road (Leaf River) for the report of a domestic disturbance no longer in progress. After investigation, deputies arrested David A. Stark, 38, of Leaf River, for aggravated domestic battery and interfering with the reporting of domestic violence. Stark was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held with no bond.

On Nov. 7 at approxi-

mately 6:32 p.m. deputies responded to a driving complaint in the area of Illinois Route 38 and Beck Road. The vehicle was located in Creston. After investigation, Kevin Jarm, 42, of Elburn, was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. Jarm was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. Jarm was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

On Nov. 8 at approximately 12:02 a.m. deputies and Rochelle Fire responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 13,000 block of East Bethel Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that Tori Sanders, 25, of Rochelle was traveling eastbound when her vehicle left the roadway and subsequently overturned in the south ditch. Sanders was transported to a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Sanders was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Nov. 8 at approximately 1 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 16,000 Block of East Illinois Route 72. After investigation, deputies issued Lucinda Perez, 31, of Davis Junction a citation for driving while license revoked. Perez was given an I-Bond at the scene with a future court date.

LOCAL NEWS

Old Fashioned Christmas Walk plans announced

ROCHELLE — Visit downtown Rochelle on Friday, Dec. 3 for the city's annual Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk.

Start your weekend by visiting Santa at the Flagg Township Museum from 4-7 p.m. on Friday evening. The museum will decorate a special place for Santa Claus to meet your children and hear their wishes for Christmas. There is no charge to enter the museum and visit Santa for this special occasion. Children are encouraged to bring their letters to Santa and parents don't forget your cameras.

Horse and carriage rides are returning to the Old-Fashioned Christmas Walk this year. Rides will run from 5-7 p.m. and pick-up is at the Flagg Township Museum.

The VFW Women's Auxiliary will hold a craft & vendor show on Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 8-2 p.m. Proceeds benefit the VFW Women's Auxiliary Scholarship



Fund.

Watch as local businesses and organizations roll through the downtown with holiday-themed vehicles beginning at 5:30 p.m. for the lighted parade. The parade is sponsored by the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce. The parade travels through the downtown and ends at City Hall for the community tree lighting.

On the City Hall front lawn following the parade, Mayor Bearrows and Santa will light the community tree and the Annual Gratitude Award will be given to a deserving member of our community following

the tree lighting.

Plenty of good food will be available throughout the downtown Friday night. Ralfie's BBQ will be cooking up their tasty kabobs at the corner of Fourth Avenue & Lincoln Highway near the carriage rides.

The library will host the Rochelle Township High School Madrigals following the tree lighting. Enjoy music and fun for the whole family.

Santa will visit the VFW to enjoy breakfast with families on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 8-11 a.m. The cost is just \$5 and includes a photo with Santa.

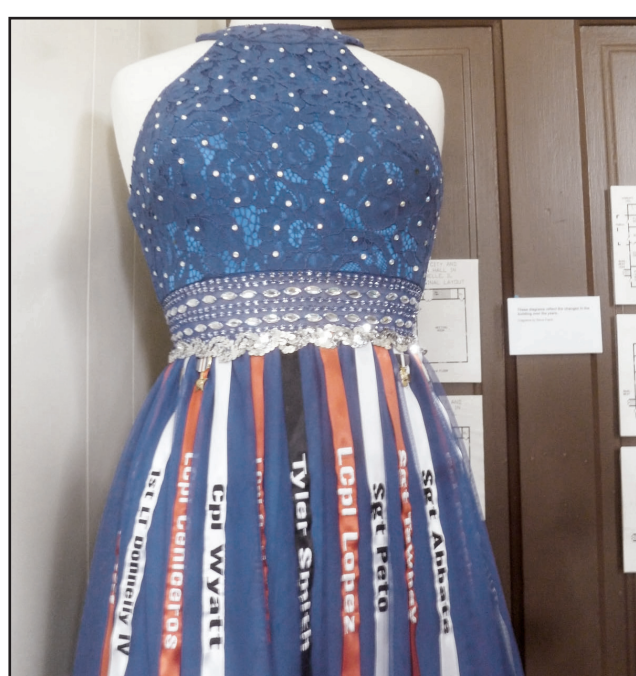
Celebrate Veterans Day at the Flagg Township Museum

ROCHELLE — Celebrate Veterans Day at the Flagg Township Museum on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special items, videos and artifacts will be available throughout the day with speakers at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

Special items on exhibit include the "Veterans Dress" made by Aubrey Headon to honor the 25 veterans of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment who lost their lives in Afghanistan along with a poster featuring photos and details of these members.

Also on exhibit is the salute to "Butch" Halsne poster made by the late Tyler Smith on loan to the museum. Interviews of veterans compiled in 2004 along with historic footage from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the World Wars and the DVD featuring Jim Moorehead and his service on the USS Bluefish will be available.

Comprehensive lists of veterans buried in St.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

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Patrick's Cemetery and Trinity Memory Gardens, compiled by Lydia Roberts of the Rochelle DAR, will also be available. Several speakers are scheduled at 2 p.m. presenting information on a variety of topics.

Veterans and families of veterans are encouraged to attend to share their stories. Biographical forms and suggested questions used by the Veterans History Project are available for sharing memories.

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CITY: Proclamation made

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Payette said there's next to a zero percent vacancy rate for residential rental housing in the area and what used to rent for \$800 per month is now renting for \$1,200 a month and is less affordable. He added that despite current high costs of construction, there is a need for blue collar housing along with senior housing.

Rochelle has a "significant" waitlist for public housing and Payette said that other small communities have a short waitlist. Rental stock in the area is

old and needs an inspection process to ensure quality units, Payette said.

Payette said Rochelle has had a lot of focus on industry, but there potentially could be more focus on residential housing.

Halloween

The council discussed the possibility of holding Halloween trick or treat hours on the last Saturday of October each year rather than on Oct. 31 as it has in the past due to citizens that reached out to the city with interest in the change. No action was taken.

Never Forget Week

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows read and presented a proclamation to the Rochelle Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution designating this week as Never Forget Week in the City of Rochelle in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Representatives from the DAR accepted the proclamation, made a presentation and gifted the city with a Never Forget garden marker.

Rochelle Police Department

Man arrested for domestic battery

ROCHELLE — On Nov. 5 at 12:01 p.m. Eduardo Jose Torres, 57, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for suspended registration. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 3.

On Nov. 5 at 4:37 p.m. Rae A. Schultz, 23, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 3.

On Nov. 5 at 4:57 p.m. Brayan R. Orozco, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 17.

On Nov. 5 at 9:26 p.m. Joshua Reyes, 20, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle

court date of Dec. 17.

On Nov. 5 at 10:11 p.m. Raul Escutia, 21, of Rochelle was cited for speeding and no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 17.

On Nov. 6 at 5:54 a.m. Alexei Erickson, 27, of Steward was cited for failure to yield turning left and operating an uninsured vehicle. He signed a promise to comply and was given an Ogle County court date of Dec. 1.

On Nov. 6 at 1:20 a.m. Frutoso Losoya, 52, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred.

On Nov. 6 at 9:57 p.m. Jesus Santos, 20, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for speeding. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Ro-

chelle court date of Dec. 17.

On Nov. 6 at 11:27 p.m. Jonathon E. Bredeson, 30, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 17.

On Nov. 7 at 7:36 p.m. David J. Bester, 40, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and disorderly conduct and transferred.

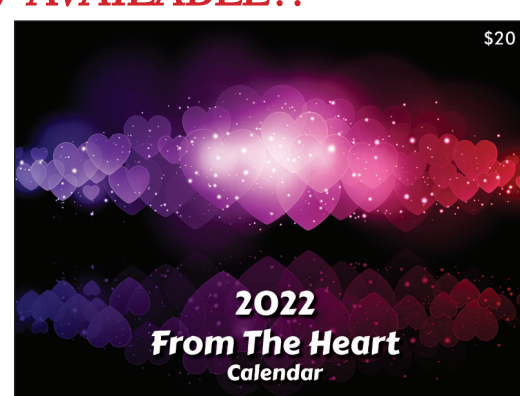
On Nov. 8 at 11:17 a.m. Brittany R. Terry, 30, of Rochelle was arrested for battery. She was released on an I-Bond and given an Ogle County court date of Dec. 10.

On Nov. 8 at 2:26 p.m. Guillermo Hernandez, 32, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and cited for driving wrong way on a one way. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 17.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Laurel J. 'Laurie' Yates

ROCHELLE — Laurel J. "Laurie" Yates, 76, of Rochelle and formerly of Dixon, died Sept. 21 at Rock River Hospice & Home in Sterling.

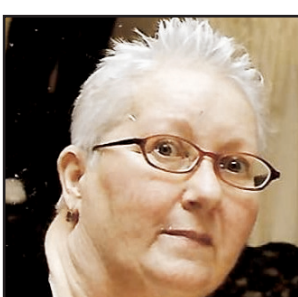
She was born on Aug. 9, 1945 in Poynette, Wisconsin, the daughter of Thomas Elton and Mildred Esther (Messmann) Tomlinson. She had married Mitchell L. Yates and he died Sept. 20, 1995. She had worked at Accurail in Elburn for several years.

Laurie was an avid Cubs and Bears fan. She enjoyed reading and loved watching her favorite TV shows: Deal or No Deal and Dancing

with the Stars.

Survivors include her son, James (Dawn) Timmons of Sterling; daughter, Michelle (Scott) Schipper of Morrison; stepson, Daniel Yates; stepdaughters, Jennifer (Joe) Loomis and Denise Yates; her sisters, Patricia (Dennis) Cote of Hampshire and Valerie (Walter) Weiss of Rockford; and her grandchildren, Mark Michels and Joseph (Jennifer) Michels, Brandon and Sean Johnson, and Monica (Alexander) Nielsen; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one



brother, Thomas Tomlinson; and her stepson, Matthew Yates.

Arrangements were completed by the McDonald Funeral Home & Crematory in Rock Falls.

There will be a celebration of life on Nov. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Candlelight Inn, 2200 1st Ave, Rock Falls, Illinois, 61270.

Georgia Ann Carolyn Richardson

ROCHELLE — Georgia Ann Carolyn Richardson, 89, passed away Saturday, Nov. 6 at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Mt. Morris. Georgia was born on Aug. 5, 1932 to George F. and Lucille (Ellsworth) Harrison in Rochelle. She was married to Billy Ray Richardson and he preceded her in death in 1991.

Georgia enjoyed ceramics, reading and shopping but more than anything she loved spending time with her family. She was active with the Women of the Moose for many years.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son, Dana Richardson; infant twin brother, George;

sister, Norma Austin and brother, Joyce "Bump" F. Harrison.

Georgia is survived by her daughter, Denise Richardson of Rochelle; two grandchildren: Shauna (Billy) Combs of Davis Junction and Cole Smith of Rochelle; three great grandchildren: Skylar, Emerson and Hadlee Combs.

The family would like to thank the nurses, CNAs and staff at Pinecrest Nursing Home and the Serenity Hospice and Home for their wonderful care.

The visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at



10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13 at the funeral home with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Burial will follow the service at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. Memorials may be made in Georgia's memory to the American Diabetes Association or Serenity Hospice and Home.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

David R. Wyatt

ROCHELLE — David R. Wyatt, 63, of Rochelle, passed away at his home on Sunday, Nov. 7. Dave was born Aug. 24, 1958 in Rochelle, the son of Kelly and Wilma (Arjes) Wyatt.

Dave is survived by two children, Tony (Brittney) Wyatt of Davis Junction and Jennie (Erin) Henrikson of DeKalb; five grandchildren, Luke and Callan Wyatt, and Kennedy, Cole, and Landon

Henrikson; three siblings, Thomas (Nicole) Wyatt of Rochelle, Joe Wyatt of Rochelle, and Debra (Dale) Schmidt of Danville, Indiana; a sister-in-law, Paula (Nolan) Hallock of Tonica and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Dave is preceded in death by the love of his life, Amy Wyatt.

A memorial visitation for Dave will be on from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. A graveside service will immediately follow the visitation at Restland Cemetery in Mendota. In memory of Dave and Amy, contributions in their names may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Connie Sue McCombs

CRESTON — Connie Sue McCombs, 70, passed away suddenly Friday, Nov. 5, 2021.

Connie and her husband, Garry, had been married 33 beautiful years and her son, Robert, was the light of her life. She worked as a chiropractic assistant and a personal poet before retirement. She loved spending time with her family. Her favorite job description was grandmother and recently great grandmother. She loved her family immensely and was very proud of them.

Connie in a few words was creative, compassionate, witty, fun and generous to a fault. She was affectionately known as the "gadget queen" because no matter what you needed or asked for, she

could find it in her purse.

Connie was preceded in death by her mother, Vernis Kern and brother, Paul Kern.

She is survived by her husband, Garry of Creston; son, Robert (Renee) Shea of Genoa City, Wisconsin; three grandchildren: Amanda, Ashlee and Bradlee; one great grandson, Micah; two brothers: Gary Kern of Kenosha, Wisconsin and Robert Kern of Columbia, Tennessee; two sisters: Shari Phistry of Thompson's Station, Tennessee and Ruth (Dan) Teige of Cornersville, Tennessee



and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at a later date. Cremation care has been provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle.

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Susan Elaine (Erickson) Foster

ASHTON — Susan Elaine (Erickson) Foster went to be with her Lord & Savior on Nov. 7.

She was born July 24, 1945 to Ralph and Lois (Kendell) Erickson of Ashton and spent her childhood years helping with the milk business, participating in band and chorus and becoming an accomplished seamstress and pianist. She was Homecoming Queen and graduated Ashton High School in 1963. Susan married the love of her life, David Foster on June 30, 1963 at Reynolds Church where they attended while raising their three children and enjoying being a part of the homebuilders group.

Susan loved the Lord with all of her heart and it showed in everything she did from being a farmer's wife to mother and grandmother. She kept busy with making field lunches, running for parts, raising children, playing piano and organ and other faithful service at church and rarely missed a game, concert or other activity that her children and grandchildren participated in. She was known for her biblical wisdom, musical talent and being a true prayer warrior. Susan put her spiritual gift of encouragement to work almost every day writing notes of encouragement and scripture to anyone and everyone she knew that needed it from family, friends and even strangers. In recent years, Susan joined and embraced Ashton Bible Church as her church family.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband of over 55 years, her in-laws Thomas L. & Ethel (Merriman) Foster, brothers-in-law



Thomas Foster and Donald Foster and grandson, Ryker Gillette.

Survivors include children Cindy (Jim) Knight of Ashton, Melissa (Dan) Gillette of Machesney Park and Matt (Melissa) Foster of West Brooklyn; grandchildren Megan (Josh) Egyed, Walker Knight, Kerri (Brett) Helwig, Kalle Foster, Kaleb (Lexus) Foster, Suzanna and Janae Gillette; siblings Larry (Kathy) Erickson, Penny (Richard) Linville, Jack (Dori) Erickson, Jill Nordman; brother-in-law Bill (Kathy) Foster and sisters-in-law Shirley Foster, Ginger Foster, Barbara (Dennis) Wager and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family, which will be designated at a later date.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 4-8 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 601 Richardson Ave. Ashton, IL 61006. Funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. with an hour visitation prior to service at the funeral home. Graveside service will follow at Ashton Cemetery and luncheon at Reynolds Church Fellowship Hall, rural Ashton.

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LOCAL NEWS

Joyful Junkers Christmas event set for this weekend

ASHTON — Looking for something to do this weekend? Come to Ashton and check out the Joyful Junkers Christmas Event at the Mills and Petrie Memorial Building, 704 N. First St.

There will be a variety of vendors offering almost everything you need for the season. Some of the vendors include: unique seasonal décor, vintage, rustic and country décor; jewelry; clothing; sweet

treats; household items; Pampered Chef; Color Street and more.

The event is open Friday, Nov. 12 from 5–7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free. Hope to see you there.



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The first RTHS Staff Critical Thinking Award goes to Andrew Evangelista (left) and Shaun Schaefer (right).

Evangelista, Schaefer win first RTHS Staff Critical Thinking Award

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — For all of us, 2020 was tough. Educators, students and parents were forced to cope with shelter in place orders, school closures and ever-changing plans to keep the learning happening.

For two Rochelle Township High School educators, teaching as they knew it ceased to exist. Music students could neither sing nor play for fear of spreading the virus. Music teachers didn't have to adapt to smaller-sized classes, they didn't have any. At RTHS, all music classes went remote.

Band and choir kids are a tightly-knit family, in part because they share a love and in part because they spend so much time together. Students sorely missed the lack of collaboration and interaction and they didn't like practicing alone at home. Many dropped the classes. 2020 passed without any halftime shows or live concerts. There was no pep band, no musical productions to rehearse.

Our intrepid pair of teachers went looking for ways to save music, a bedrock of the RTHS curriculum from the very beginning. The music teachers created new classes to welcome students back in August. General music, piano studies and beginning guitar offer more students more opportunities. The classes have generated interest and enthusiasm.

Now 11 weeks into the school year, they are teaching many students who have never sung, played or performed. One-half of Shaun Schaefer's 2021 marching band had never marched before band camp in August. Andrew Evangelista is in the midst of producing a madrigal-style vocal event with students never involved in this level of production.

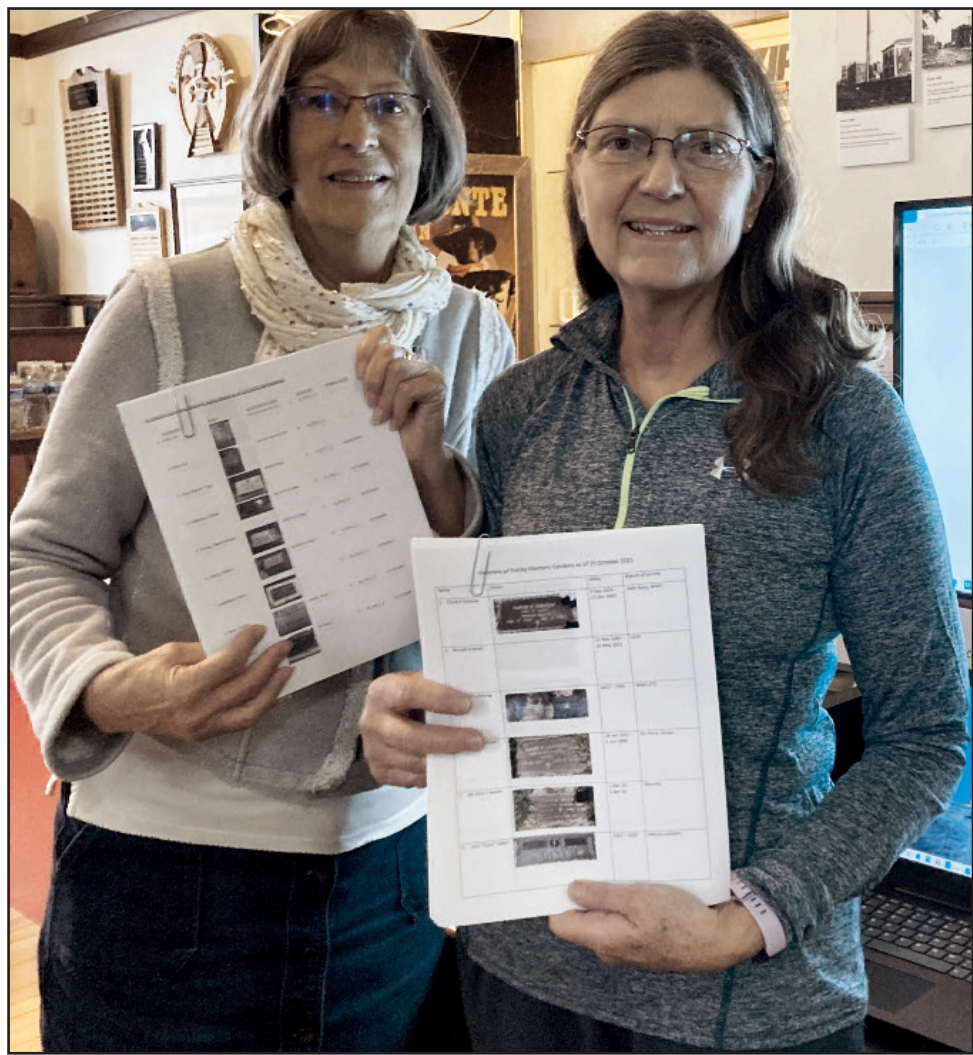
Based on student reviews, it seems both are succeeding. Walk down their hall and listen. The music is back.

The first RTHS Staff Critical Thinking Award goes to Andrew Evangelista and Shaun Schaefer.

Through the generosity of a \$10,000 gift from the RTHS Class of 1961 and an additional \$1,000

gift from the Rochelle Rotary Club, Renaissance is focused on students & staff who demonstrate exemplary critical thinking skills. Every month students and staff will be nominated for showing proof of (or growth in) critical thinking skills.

A monthly \$50 cash prize is awarded to each winner and another \$50 for each will be designated for the local non-profit of their choice.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Shown left to right holding printed copies of the lists are Museum Director Jan Devore and DAR Wreaths Across America Chairman Lydia Roberts.

DAR preparing for Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America

ROCHELLE — Recently added to the resources at the Flag Township Museum in Rochelle are digital listings including photographs of the gravestones of veterans interred at Trinity and St. Patrick's Cemeteries.

These listings were compiled by the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution by visiting the cemeteries and searching for markers that indicated a reference to military service and are used to facilitate placing flags on veterans' graves for Veterans' Day and

Memorial Day.

In addition, these lists will be used to place wreaths that are donated for "any veteran" at the upcoming Wreaths across America ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 19 beginning at 2 p.m. It is the DAR's goal to obtain sponsors, prior to the Nov. 30 deadline, for all 163 veterans who have been identified at St. Patrick's Cemetery and 135 at Trinity Memory Gardens. It is possible that these lists are not complete and if you would like to confirm that your veteran is

included, please stop by the museum during regular hours to view the lists.

These lists will be updated with the names of veterans we have missed and will be highlighted as part of the museum's Veterans' Day program on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 11-4 p.m. The Veterans' Day program will include displays of Aubrey Headon's "Veterans Dress," a special loan of the poster "Salute to Butch Halsne" by the late Tyler Smith, local historic World War II interviews and historic videos.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Rochelle's hobo history

An integral part of growing up in Rochelle was the adventure of exploring the Hobo Jungle. The jungle held all of the requisites needed for a rite of passage. Parents warned us to stay away from the jungle. The threats, though vague, were cause for great concern. One could almost see themselves being dumped into the pot of hobo stew as part of a nutritious supper. In any case nothing good would come of a visit to the Hobo Jungle. "There's a race of men that don't fit in, A race that can't stay still; So they break the hearts of kith and kin. And roam the world at will. They range the field

and they rove the flood. And they climb the mountain crest, Theirs is the curse of the gypsy blood. And they don't know how to rest. If they just went straight they might go far; They are strong and brave and true; But they're always tired of the things that are; And they want the strange and new. They say, 'Could I find my proper groove; What a deep mark I would make!' So they chop and change, and each fresh move is only a fresh mistake." So was written in The Hobo's Hornbook by George Milburn in 1930. In 1854, the Airline Railroad reached the area that is today Rochelle.

That track is today the Union Pacific. By 1857, a second railroad, Ogle & Carrol, was constructed through the community. The Ogle & Carrol Railroad merged and grew into today's Burlington Northern and Santa Fe. With the railroads came a group of individuals known as hoboes. Much of what we know about hoboes comes from romanticized movies, songs and stories. Good natured, independent and happy to be free. The hobo life was considered an individual choice. Unfortunately, that was not always the case. Spikes in the numbers of hobos riding the rails came at the end of the

Civil War, WWI and during the depression. Returning soldiers needed jobs, many also had emotional problems from what they had experienced and could not function in society. To travel across the country was a slow process. Horses were not fast and jobs disappeared as quickly as they popped up. The trains were the fastest and most economic method of travel. In 1903 Hohenadel Canning Company opened. Asparagus, corn, pickles and peas all needed to be harvested. The jobs were here and this siren call brought the hoboes. Rochelle was served by two railroads. Trains

would roll into town and the unemployed would jump off and begin searching for any seasonal job available. Until they received their pay, the hoboes needed a place to live. Hobo jungles were generally located in areas with trees for shade, water for bathing and cooking and far enough from the "town clowns" that the hobo could avoid the locals. Rochelle had a few hobo jungles. The current rail diamond at the site of the Rail Fan Park was close to work and located in an area where trains slowed down to pick up and drop off cars. A perfect place to jump on or off a train. Locations where the trains crossed Kyte Creek were perfect locations for hobo jungles. North

of Memorial Park was the jungle that most of us remember. A short trip under the bridge or along the tracks and you could enter the world of the hobo. For some, a glimpse of the denizens in the jungle was enough. A quick sighting and a faster retreat. Others braved the dangers. You could end up in the stew pot, or worse your parents could learn of your escapades. Today, the Rochelle Street Department owns much of the land that was the jungle. For myself, every time I drive east on First Avenue past Memorial Park, I look north and smile. I can almost see the stew pot bubbling.

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



Tom McDermott

November is here!

NOVEMBER is here. In the next few weeks, we will be cooking turkey and spending time together with our family and friends. November is a time to reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for and remember to count our blessings. The library is thank-

ful to be a part of a great community. Behind every great community is a great library. We look forward to seeing all of you. Remember when coming to visit, bring your library card and wear your mask. Now for some library history. Have you ever stopped to look at the beautiful frieze panels

at the library? A frieze panel is an architectural term that is used to describe a horizontal design panel on the exterior of a building. "The frieze is above the architrave and below the cornice (in a position that could be quite difficult to view). The term also refers to any long, narrow, horizontal panel

or band used for decorative purposes—e.g., on pottery, on the walls of a room, or on the exterior walls of buildings." (<https://www.britannica.com/technology/frieze-architecture>) These panels are located along the top exterior edge of our entire building. "In the fall of 1988, the library board commissioned a historic preservation plan which was prepared by Frye Gillan Molinaro. While researching the original architects, Claude and Starck, the librarian, discovered five other libraries with the identical exterior frieze panels. The five other libraries are the T. B. Scott Library in Merrill, Wisconsin; the Barron Public Library in Barron, Wisconsin; the Tomah Public Library in Tomah, Wisconsin; the Detroit Lakes Public Library in Detroit Lakes, Min-

nesota and the Hoquiam Library in Hoquiam, Washington. Each of these "sister" libraries was contacted. While talking to the Detroit Lakes Library in Minnesota, it was mentioned that they were also adding on to their original building and that they planned to use their frieze panel molds to continue the frieze into their new lobby. Detroit Lakes did not actually have molds, but had two extra 'brand new' panels. Frye Gillan Molinaro arranged a loan of these panels so that a mold could be created from the original panels. This lucky discovery provided the molds for the new addition." This information was taken from articles written by Betty Neal, library records, board minutes, a Rochelle-Leader July 1955 article and the National Register

of Historic Places application form. The milkweed pods are at either side of the panel toward the top and look like a leaf. Most of the round "balls" along the sides of the panels represent acorns — especially those in groups of four within the scroll work at the top and bottom of the central oval. The curly elements found running along the sides of the panels are oak leaves and look like oak leaves in the fall that have begun to dry and curl. The resurrection lily stem is at the center of the bottom of the panel. At the bottom of the center oval, you will see the three buds (petals) of the resurrection lily. These panels are just one of the unique reasons why our library is a small piece of history in Rochelle. Sarah Flanagan is the director of the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library.



Sarah Flanagan

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VETERANS DAY SALUTE

Honoring the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier through the Never Forget Garden

BY LINDA CORWIN-GRABER

ROCHELLE CHAPTER, NSDAR

ROCHELLE — On Nov. 11, we observe the Commemoration of Veterans Day and the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The legacy of Veterans Day was established to pay tribute to individuals who have served and sacrificed on behalf of the United States in times of war or armed conflict.

Each citizen of the United States has a responsibility to raise awareness of and respect for the national heritage of the United States and to encourage citizens to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which those heroes of the United States died. Thus the intention of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was to represent more than just a single conflict, serving as a focal point for the United States regardless of race, creed, or politics

where the people of the United States can come together as a single nation to mourn and honor the fallen soldiers from the United States.

The United States Army has provided Sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier since March 25, 1926, and maintained a constant 24-hour vigil since midnight July 2, 1937.

To commemorate the legacy of the Tomb of the Unknown, an initiative started in 2018 and promoted by the Society of the Honor Guard, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Never Forget Garden became a nationwide invitation to all Americans and freedom loving people to plant gardens as a visual way to represent America's unwavering commitment to our sacred duty to recognize, remember, and honor our veterans and their families now and for many years to come.

There are many ways and traditions that are

available to express patriotism, love, mourning and remembrance. A "Never Forget Garden" can provide an elegant expression of that which deeply resides in the heart of our fellow Americans: "I will Never, Ever Forget You — I am in it with you." (From The Society of the Honor Guard, tombguard.org)

Thus it was with gratitude the Woodlawn Cemetery Board accepted a Never Forget Garden plaque through the generosity of the Rochelle Area Chapter, NSDAR. This plaque and the small garden planter will be displayed at the cemetery's veterans' memorial.

When the request went forth 100 years ago to join the battle for freedom in World War I, many men from Ogle County answered the call; 38 of these WWI fallen are buried at Woodlawn. As the honor guard says, "Soldiers never die until they are forgotten, tomb



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Woodlawn Cemetery Board is shown receiving the Never Forget Garden marker from Rochelle Chapter NSDAR Vice Regent Debby Katzman. Left to right: Lyle Headon, Joan Pierce, Priscilla Thuestad, Katzman and Dan Graber.

guards never forget," nor should we the citizens of Ogle County.

Additional information regarding the Never For-

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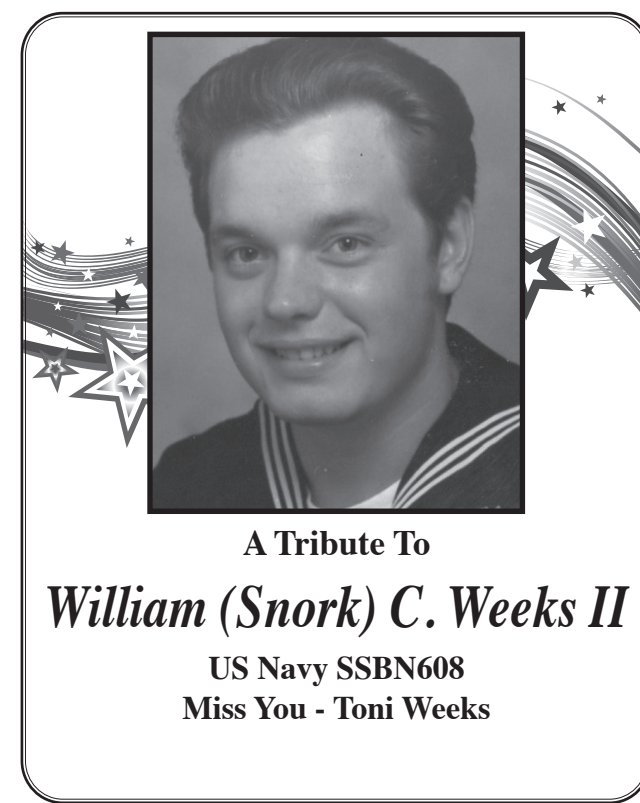
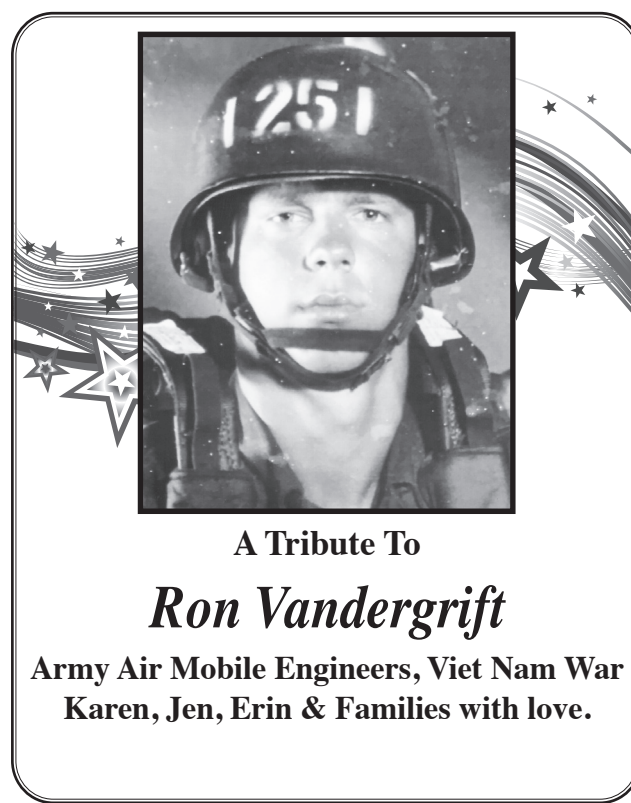
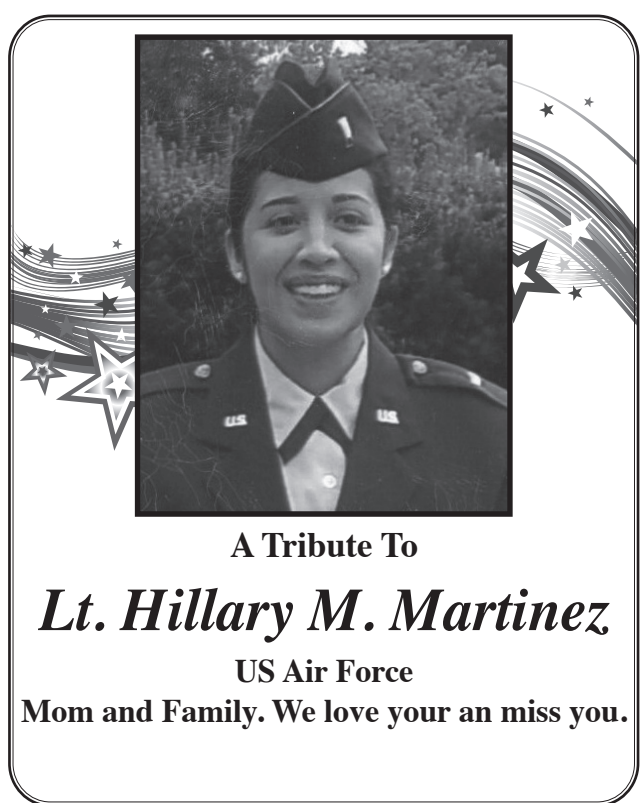
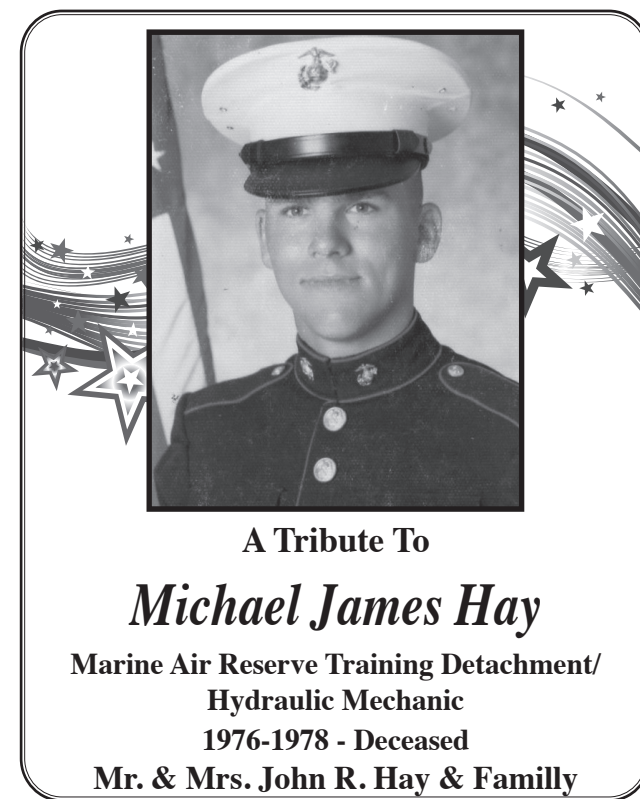
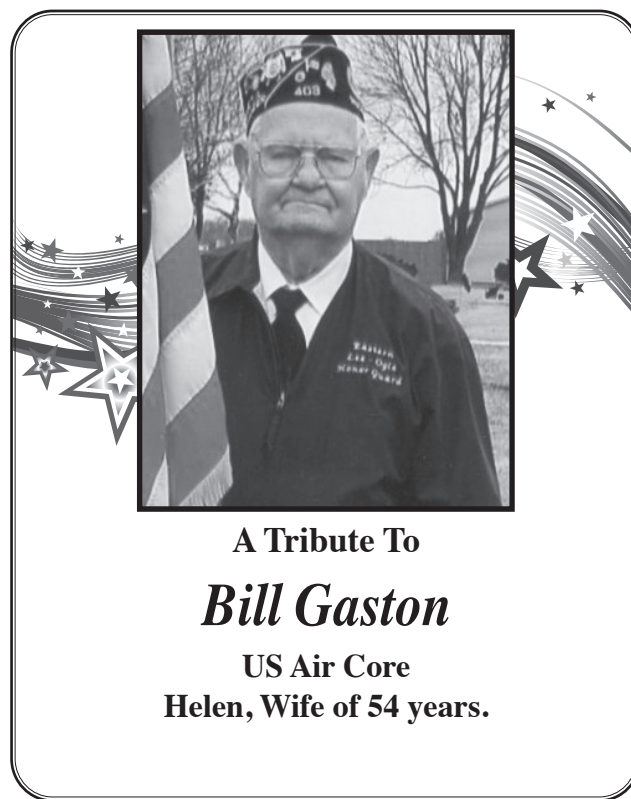
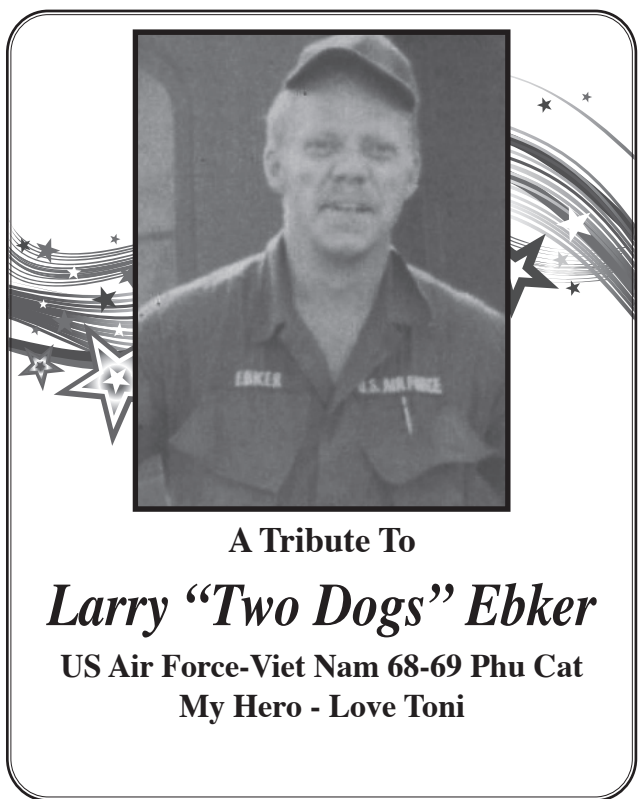
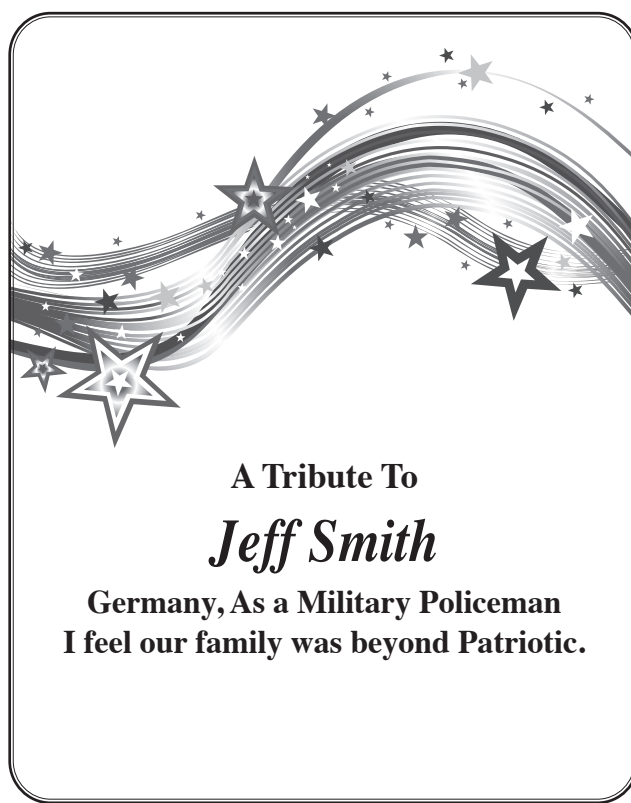
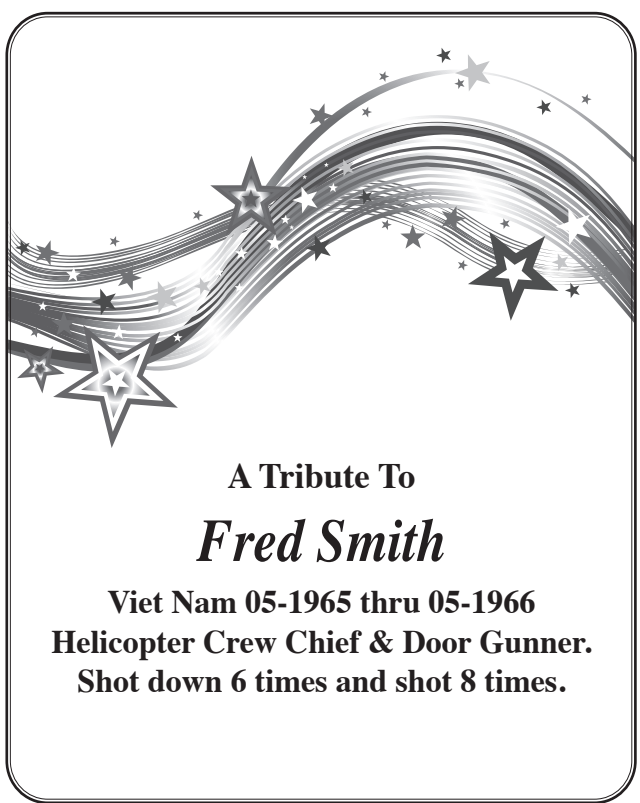
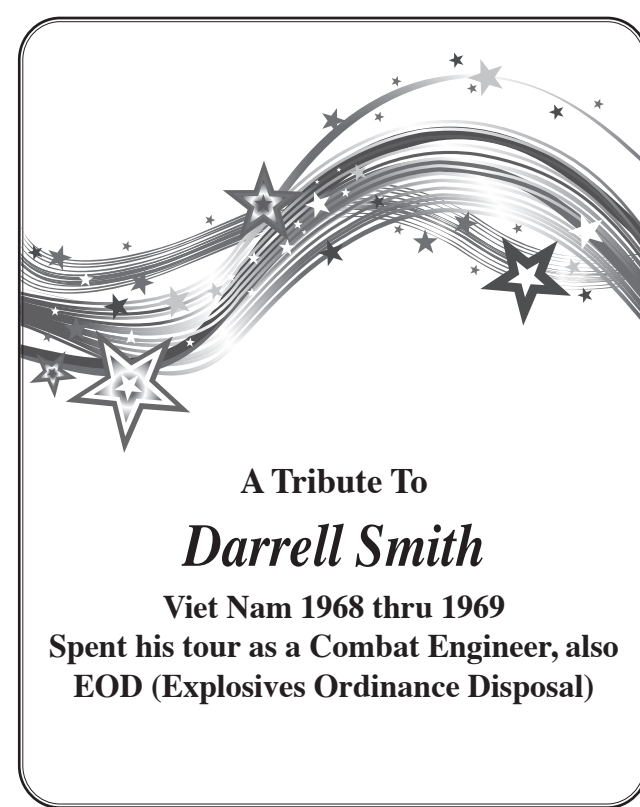
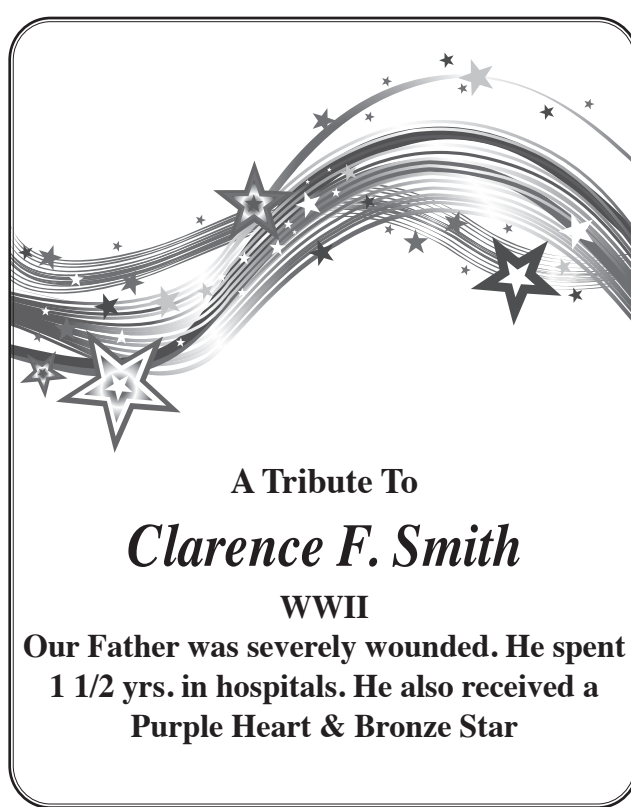
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The RTHS cross country team held its season-ending awards banquet.

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RTHS Boys Bowling

Hubs return to the lanes

Rochelle opens season with home matches against Oregon, Sycamore

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team returned to action with its first match of the season on Monday. Rochelle hosted the Oregon Hawks in nonconference competition, with the Hubs falling 3,272-2,782 to move to 0-1 on the season. Junior Evin Odle fired Rochelle’s high series against the Hawks, totaling 568 over three games with a high score of 200.

“I thought we bowled about as well as I expected,” head coach Jim Lyles said. “We have a lot of new faces and I think they’ll be fine as the season moves on. . . Evin said before the season that his goal this year is to go to the state meet. He takes direction and he’s been doing that well.”

Oregon opened the match with the early advantage, winning the first game over Rochelle 1,118-920 behind 203 from Jackson Werren and 222 from Isaac Kaltenbrun, who led the Hawks with a 627 series. The Hawks extended their lead in the second game with a 1,090-975 victory despite 206 from senior Devansh Patel, who rolled a 504 series for the Hubs in the loss.

Oregon completed the

three-game sweep with a 1,064-887 win in the third game. Brandon Rowe fired 205 to finish with a 580 series for the Hawks, while Kaltenbrun added 207. Odle’s 198 and senior Sergio Guevara’s 172 were the high scores for the Hubs in the finale game. Guevara threw 180 in his first game and 184 in his second game for a 536 series.

“Sergio’s our leader and he’s the one who’s brought most of our kids here,” Lyles said. “He had some thumb issues tonight and he dropped a few balls into the gutter, but he’ll be our leader all season and he’ll be fine. We’re looking to get Devansh some new equipment since he’s throwing the same ball from his first year on the team. But he takes direction and listens well.”

Sycamore

The Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team hosted Sycamore for its first Interstate 8 Conference match of the season Tuesday evening. The Spartans defeated the Hubs 3,175-2,818 and dropped Rochelle to 0-2 on the season.

Sycamore opened the match with a 1,030-1,001 victory in the first game. Graham Hilligos led the



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Senior Sergio Guevara rolls his ball down the lane during the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling match against Oregon on Monday.

Spartans with 230 and Rylan Voyles added 210, while seniors Luke Orlikowski

and Devansh Patel fired respective scores of 196 and 193 for the Hubs. Sycamore

surged ahead in the second game, winning 1,125-882 behind 223 from Evan

Borowicz.

See HUBS page 7

RTHS Volleyball

Hasz earns Interstate 8 First Team recognition

Junior hitters Friestad, Hale receive All-Conference Honorable Mentions

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Lady Hub senior Sylvia Hasz saw her role with the Rochelle varsity volleyball team change dramatically this season. Already a two-time All-Conference First Team outside hitter, Hasz was moved into the Rochelle team’s starting setter role this fall. Hasz’s all-around efforts allowed her to earn All-Conference First Team from the Interstate 8 for the third straight year.

A three-year varsity player with the Lady Hubs, Hasz was recently named a unanimous All-Conference First Team selection for the second time in her high school career. The senior finished with 198 kills this fall, which brought her up to a school record 644 career kills.

“It’s a huge honor and it makes me feel accomplished for what I’ve been able to do over the last four years here,” Hasz said. “I thought I took on more of a leadership role this year and my goal as one of the only seniors on the team was to help my teammates

play as well as they could. I thought that helped me improve my skills and become a more consistent player.”

Hasz led the Lady Hubs with 13 assists in a two-set victory against the Morris Redskins, who took third in the conference this season while Rochelle finished fourth. Hasz also enjoyed a 19-assist, nine-dig and three-kill performance in the varsity team’s Senior Night win against Plano. Hasz compiled 11 assists, seven kills and eight digs in a home victory over Sandwich.

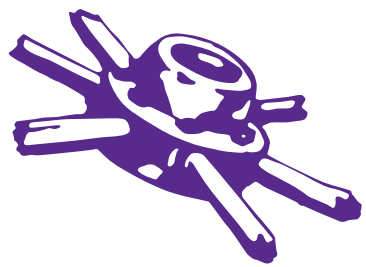
“I’m going to miss the family environment,” Hasz said. “We put a lot of time in over the last four years and I’m going to miss my coaches and being able to give back to the community.”

Juniors Addie Friestad and Payton Hale each received All-Conference Honorable Mentions this season. Friestad finished with 153 kills, second-most on the Lady Hubs, while Hale totaled a team-leading 38 blocks. Rochelle finished 16-16 overall and 8-6 in the Interstate 8 this year.



(PHOTO BY MARCY DELILLE)

Rochelle senior Sylvia Hasz was named a unanimous Interstate 8 All-Conference First Team volleyball player this season. Hasz totaled 198 kills this season and set a new RTHS career kills record with 644.



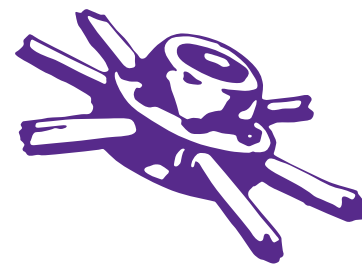
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Sport: Wrestling

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

A: Six years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Winning.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because it comes easy to me.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Kyle Dake because he doesn't take no for an answer and he strives to be the best.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My parents because they push me to be the best person and athlete I can be.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To play in the NFL because it's what I've always wanted to do since I started playing football.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Somewhere on a beach with a lot of sunlight and unlimited food.

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

A: Playing sports with my friends.

Xavier

Villalobos

Year: Freshman

Sport: Wrestling



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

A: About nine years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Having my hand raised when I win a match.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because it's easy when I put in the effort.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Bo Nickal because he's a great wrestler.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My brother and my dad because they always want the best for me and they always push me.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be an NCAA reporter so I could go to the top schools and write about how they feel.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Hawaii because it seems nice there.

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

A: The support I receive and how everybody here is nice.

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RTHS Boys Soccer

Hubs make most of injury-riddled nine-win season

All-Conference seniors Whitehead, Orozco headline departing players

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team dealt with injuries to key players throughout the 2021 season. After finishing 9-12 overall and suffering their first losing season since 2015, head coach Brad Male and the Hubs will look to bounce back next fall.

Rochelle took fourth place in the Interstate 8 Conference this season after placing third during the shortened spring season earlier this year. The Hubs will lose a few talented seniors including forward Josue Orozco, who finished with a team-leading 24 goals and four assists.

Rochelle will return several starters on offense, however, including sophomore midfielder Eli Luxton

(18 goals, two assists), freshman forward Alberto Casillas (15 goals, four assists), sophomore forward Diego Salazar (three goals, three assists) and junior forward Jared Montano (two goals, one assist). The Hubs scored 68 goals and totaled 25 assists this season.

"It's always nice to see some new faces and I was pleased with how we played overall," Male said. "We had some rough matches this season and we had some injuries throughout the season. It's always tough to lose one of our top scorers, but we know we have some younger players who can pick up where they left off. We have some versatile players coming back who contributed a lot to our offense and we're hoping they can step up for us next year."

The Hubs will lose two

senior starters on defense including Caleb Ritter and two-year captain Bryce Whitehead. Junior Jarett Milan, who finished with 90 saves in net for Rochelle, headlines the varsity team's eligible returning players next year. Junior Jace Whitehead (one goal, four assists) will be another key player eligible to return in the midfield, while junior Christian Harding and sophomore Nathan Sergeant each finished this season as starting defenders.

"We had a lot of defenders step up and I think we should be solid back there next year," Male said. "It's not easy losing someone like Bryce, but we have players coming back who will fill some spots for us. The biggest key for us is continuing to work together as a team."



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Caleb Ritter is one of two senior starters on defense who will be graduating from the Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team this season.

RTHS Volleyball

Lady Hubs bounce back with double-digit victories

Rochelle finishes 16-16 overall with 8-6 record in Interstate 8 play

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team recently completed its third season with double-digit victories under head coach Molly Sly. The Lady Hubs will shoot for a fourth double-digit win season next year, but they'll have to do so without three-time All-Conference First-Team honoree Sylvia Hasz, one of the team's two seniors this year.

Rochelle finished 16-16 overall and fourth in the eight-team Interstate 8 Conference with an 8-6 conference record this season. The Lady Hubs swept matchups with LaSalle-Peru, Plano and Ottawa while splitting matchups with Sandwich and Morris. The Rochelle offense rallied around Hasz,

who totaled 198 kills and 42 aces while setting a new RTHS career kills record (644).

"I wasn't sure who would step up for us when the season started or who would be able to play what positions," Sly said. "We moved Sylvia to the setter position as the season progressed and I thought that helped our offense. We were down a few players when the season started, but our kids stepped up and played really well over that time. We earned some big wins this season and we beat all of the teams in our conference except for the top two, which was encouraging."

Hasz and defensive specialist Zoey Tabor are the team's two departing seniors this season. Rochelle will return several juniors, however, including outside

hitter Addie Friestad (153 kills) and middle blocker Payton Hale (38 blocks, 54 kills), who each have two years of varsity experience. Juniors Macy Ramos, Isela Vasquez, Cass Garcia, Rylee Jackson and Baylie Sutton are also eligible to return.

"Players like Sylvia don't come around very often and it's really tough to replace them," Sly said. "We're hoping that next season's roster will be a fun puzzle to put together and we're looking forward to finding new fits. Our goal for next season will be preparing our girls for the regional. I thought the nerves got to us this season, so I'm hoping that I can create some more intense practice plans and apply a bit more pressure so we come prepared to play every match."



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team recorded its third double-digit winning season in four years this fall.

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21	Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		371,172	76,957	23,545	228,097	61,246	1,209	131,239	26,341	47,451	
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23	Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		803,181	113,354	11,579	283,540	68,481	1,209	150,454	62,145	61,012	

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45	Carly Yianibas					
46	Matthew McMeekan					
47	Nancy Elson					
48	Jeanine Holtsford					
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5	KINGS CONSOLIDATED SD #144				
6	47-071-1440-03				
7	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount		Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
8	Amazon	26,381			
9	Blue Cross Blue Sheild	108,191			
10	Conserv	8,586			
11	Cappel's	5,284			
12	Common Goal Systems	3,301			
13	Constellation	7,098			
14	Delta Dental	13,611			
15	Dunn's Repair Service	18,684			
16	Engie	21,841			
17	GFC	6,891			
18	Greene, Tammy	3,032			
19	I Fiber	8,400			
20	ISDA	17,181			
21	IL State Board of Education	3,720			
22	Kohl Wholesale	6,663			
23	Maplehurst Farms	4,000			
24	Muller Pinehurst	2,937			
25	Newkirk and Associates	6,000			
26	NIU	8,000			
27	Robbins Schwartz	3,028			
28	Scheiss Excavating	4,855			
29	Valdivieso, Jeana	3,059			
30	Westside Mechanical Group	18,717			
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

CRESTON CCSD #161

P.O. Box 37, Creston, IL 60113

815-384-3920

8-3:30

School District/Joint Agreement Name

Address

Telephone

Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,272,195	125,535	59,512	60,483	45,944	0	25,128	298,769	25,398
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	111,757	0	0	11,086	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	107,148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		1,491,100	125,535	59,512	71,569	45,944	0	25,128	298,769	25,398
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		971,090	72,177	54,254	32,468	37,427	0		226,527	47,265
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		634,620	74,820	(7,875)	118,437	130,617	0	14,996	130,863	147,097
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		1,154,630	128,178	(2,617)	157,538	139,134	0	40,124	203,105	125,230

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1	SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL						
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6	CRESTON CCSD #161						
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12	Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000		Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999		Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999		Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999
13							Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
14	Cassandra Inman		Lisa Hohlfeld		Amanda Bengford-Breneisen		Curtis Rheingans
15	Merideth Weber		Hannah Larsen		Daniel Randall		
16			Alyssa McCannon		Brenda Ryan		
17			Bridget Messenger		Tina Samo		
18			Shannon Wilczek		Jennifer Stachlewitz		
19					Melanie Vidlak-Herrmann		
20					Nicole Zellmer		
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33	GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL						
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35	Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000		Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999		Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999		Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
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37	Rachael Haub		Stephen King		Karen Collins		
38	Matthew McMeekan						
39	Margaret Streit						
40	Angela Ward						
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7	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>		<u>Aggregate Amount</u>	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	
8	BMO Harris Bank		31,512		
9	Casey's General Store		2,696		
10	CDW Government		12,622		
11	Comcast		5,922		
12	Common Goal Systems		2,652		
13	Country Mutual Insurance		16,306		
14	Gary Adams Lawncare		3,165		
15	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt		7,874		
16	Jodi Horn		12,000		
17	Midwest Bus		14,273		
18	NES Environmental		24,900		
19	Newkirk & Associates		6,200		
20	Newman Architecture		22,365		
21	Nicor Gas		8,456		
22	OCEC		93,374		
23	Preferred Meals		54,346		
24	Replacement Window System		8,275		
25	Robbins Schwartz		4,576		
26	Rochelle Janitorial Supply		7,717		
27	Rochelle Municipal Utilities		12,201		
28	Specialized Data Systems		4,400		
29	TEM Environmental		6,683		
30	Tracey Remodeling		3,382		
31	US Bank Equipment Finance		4,967		
32	Visiplex, Inc.		6,320		

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COURT OF THE
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CIRCUIT
OGLE COUNTY

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)2021
ESTAT)P 83
OF)
LYLE D.)
KURZ,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of
the death of LYLE D.
KURZ, of Rochelle,
Illinois. Letters of
Office were issued
on October 25, 2021,
to BARRY A. KURZ
and CATHY L. KURZ,
whose addresses are
18058 E. Lindenwood
Rd., Lindenwood, IL
61049 and 639 St.
George Ave., Jefferson,
LA 70121, respectively,
and whose attorneys
are Fearer, Nye &
Chadwick, 420 4th Ave.,
PO Box 117, Rochelle,
IL 61068.

Claims against the
Estate may be filed
in the office of the
Circuit Clerk of the
Court at Ogle County
Courthouse, Oregon,
IL 61061, or with the
representatives, or
both, no later than
May 10, 2022, and any
claim not filed within
that period is barred.
Copies of a claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the representative and
to the attorney within 10
days after it has been
filed.
FEARER, NYE &
CHADWICK, Attorneys

for BARRY A. KURZ
and CATHY L. KURZ,
Co-Executors of the
Estate of LYLE D.
KURZ, deceased
No. 1109 (Nov. 10, 17,
24)

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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verify the validity of the
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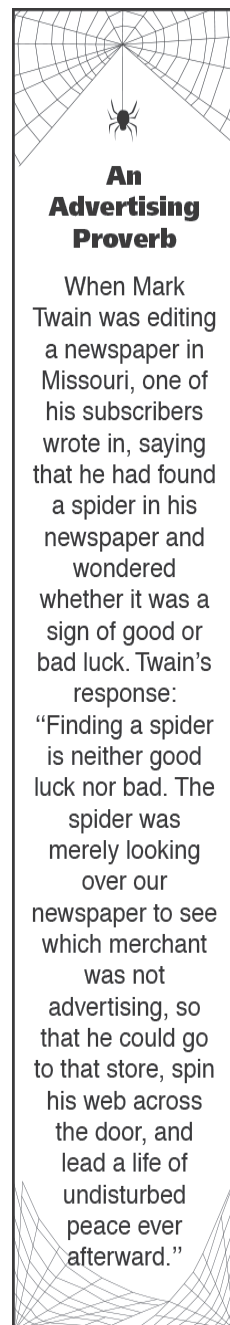
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Required Qualifications:

- An Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education or Child development with a minimum of 18 credit hours in course work directly related to young children birth to six-years.
- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must have, or be qualified and willing to earn, a Level 4 Early Childhood Credential from the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (INCCRRRA).
- Must meet all DCFS licensing requirements for early childhood teachers.
- Must be knowledgeable and skillful in the areas of: early childhood education, child development, developmentally appropriate practices, classroom management, program quality, and effective child guidance and discipline.
- Must be able to meet the strength and mobility challenges required in caring for young children. Must be able to move around classrooms and playground frequently and easily, lift and carry children, and move classroom furniture and equipment.
- Must be able to develop positive and supportive relationships with young children, parents, and other Teaching Team members. Must demonstrate respect for children and adults from diverse backgrounds (religious, cultural, social, economic, ability, racial, linguistic, etc.).
- Must have a strong understanding of and commitment to the role of play in early education.
- Must be able to provide effective leadership, training, and supervision to other Teaching Team members.
- Must be able to communicate clearly through writing and speaking.
- Must be willing to follow Early Learning Center philosophies, methods, processes, and procedures including, but not limited to: curriculum planning, child guidance and discipline, and adult-child interaction techniques. Read, understand, and implement all written policies and expectations found in the Center's Professional Staff Handbook, Teacher's Aide Handbook, and Family Handbook.
- Must be willing to abide by all Department of Children and Family Services licensing regulations.
- Must be currently certified or willing to attain certification in Pediatric CPR/ AED and First Aid and maintain such certification. Administering when necessary.
- Must be willing to complete a medical exam, a background check through Kishwaukee College and DCFS, be fingerprinted, be able to provide Three Letters of Reference, submit official College Transcripts, and complete the Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter.

The complete Job description and applications accepted at:
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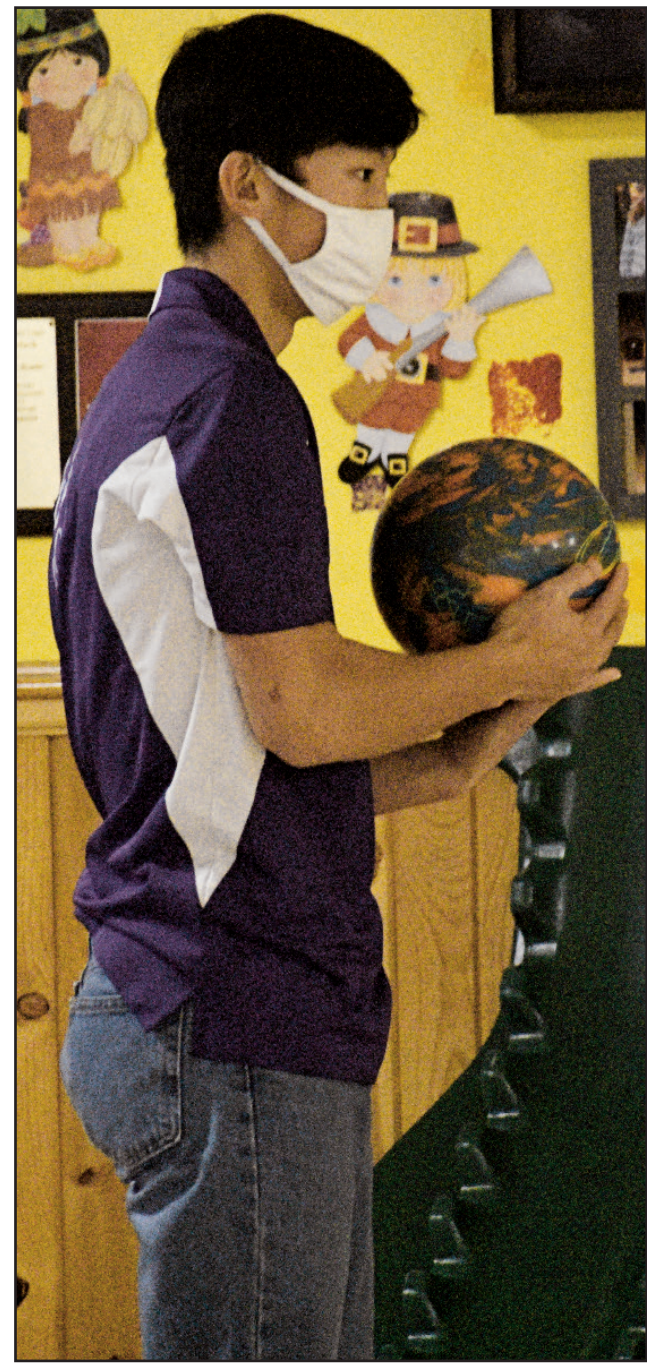
RTHS Cross Country

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Rochelle runners celebrate season with team awards banquet

The Rochelle cross country team held its team awards banquet Thursday, with several runners including Max Orlikowski, Luke Orlikowski, Hayden Smith, David Wanner, Peter Forsberg and Yuelma Ortiz (above) bringing home Interstate 8 Academic All-Conference honors. Four runners (below) received RTHS awards including Parker Lenkaitis (Most Improved - Boys Varsity), David Wanner (High Point - Boys Varsity), Yuelma Ortiz (High Point - Girls Varsity) and Gisselle Robles (Most Improved - Girls Varsity) (not pictured).



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Evin Odle looks for his mark down the lane for the Rochelle Hub varsity bowling team.

HUBS: Rochelle hosts Sterling on Thursday

From page 1

Patel rolled 181 and senior Sergio Guevara shot 164 for Rochelle in the second game.

Sycamore wrapped up the three-game sweep with a 1,020-935 victory in the third game. Hilli-

gos bowled 201 to finish with a 634 series for the Spartans. Guevara and junior Evin Odle each rolled 191 for Rochelle, with Guevara totaling the team-high series of 528. Patel added a 502 series and Odle finished with a 500 series.

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NIU Football

Stars & Stripes Jersey Auction now live

Huskies celebrating Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Night on Nov. 10



DEKALB — Northern Illinois University fans can win one of the special jerseys worn by members of the NIU football team on Wednesday night (Nov. 10) versus Ball State in honor of Veteran's Day and Military Appreciation Night by participating in the Stars & Stripes Jersey Auction.

The auction is live online now at <https://NIUJerseys.givesmart.com> and will close at 5 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday, Nov. 17. More than 109 numbered jerseys are available with bids accepted starting at \$75. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the NIU Football program.

The Stars & Stripes Jerseys are red with two white

stripes on each sleeve. The inside of the numbers on the front and back are blue with stars and white piping around the numbers. The back of the jersey features the Huskie head above the numbers, while an American flag and the MAC logo are above the large NIU logo on the front.

On the inside of the back of the jersey is a tag identifying the date of the game and the "Battle for the Stalk".

Note that as these are game-worn jerseys, they are extremely tight and do not run true to size, making them perfect for display.

The NIU Huskies bring a 6-3 overall record and a 4-1 mark in Mid-American Conference contests into

Wednesday's trophy game versus the Cardinals (5-4, 3-2 MAC). NIU and Ball State have played for the Bronze Stalk Trophy since 2008.

Tickets for Wednesday's game are on sale in advance at NIUHuskies.com or by calling 815-753-PACK (7225). The "2021 MAC-tion Plan" provides the best deal, and a ticket to both Wednesday night's game versus Ball State and the Senior Night game on Tuesday, Nov. 23 versus Western Michigan for just \$20 (West Side, reserved) or \$10 (East Side, general admission). On game day, tickets are \$20 (East Side) or \$25 (West Side) each at the ticket windows.

Healthy Hand Hygiene Habits



Protect yourself against COVID-19 and other diarrheal and respiratory illnesses, and help prevent the spread of germs to others, by following these simple hand hygiene guidelines:

1. Wash your hands with soap and warm water, lathering for at least 20 seconds.
2. If soap is unavailable, use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol to clean your hands.

Wash your hands throughout the day, and particularly under these circumstances:

- Before preparing food
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After changing a diaper or helping a child use the toilet
- Before and after exposure to someone who is sick
- After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste
- After handling pet food or treats
- After handling garbage or garbage cans
- Before and after attending to a cut or wound

Information resource: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Proper handwashing helps all of us stay healthy, so remember to be aware and do your part to help protect yourself and others!

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