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More solar power could be coming

‘If there’s solar available, then we should be looking at that’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE – Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said last week that more solar panels and power could be seen in Rochelle and around the area in the next few years at both businesses and homes.

The state’s new energy bill requires the city to have a solar power policy within 120 days of passage and Fiegenschuh said the city plans to start working on that soon. The energy bill is aimed at increasing renewables. Six percent of Rochelle’s current energy comes from renewables.

“I want to get that increased to at least 10 percent or higher so we can have more renewables, specifically solar,” Fiegenschuh said. “Solar is important. I think over the next couple of years you’ll see us develop better policies for solar and allow more solar, especially on the home side. But we also have a utility to run and we need to make sure that at a minimum, we’re recovering our costs to provide you



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distribution lines. Because whether you have solar or not, you’re still hooked up to our distribution grid.”

The fact that the city owns Rochelle Municipal Utilities makes its desire for more solar power complicated. The more solar

power that is in RMU’s electric service area means less revenue that comes into the utility.

“If you put solar on your house, you’re still connected to our distribution system and we still have to maintain that distribution

system to service you when it’s night, when it’s cloudy, when it’s snowing and when there’s not enough sun to provide the solar,” Fiegenschuh said.

The city is working on a new solar rate for homeowners that install them

that would be two pronged. One rate would apply if the owner of the solar panels has battery backup, that way the batteries store the power and it can be used at night.

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No update for Project Jackpot announcement

Business said to invest over \$130 million, add 150 jobs

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE – Last week, Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said he had no update on when ‘Project Jackpot’ will reveal its company identity and officially announce plans to open a location in town.

The still-anonymous business, which has purchased the former Nippon Sharyo buildings, is said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million and adding 150 jobs that pay an average of \$52,000 per year before benefits to the area. Fiegenschuh previously said an announcement could come in November.

“When they’re ready to announce, we’ll be the first ones to help them do it,” Fiegenschuh said. “I should not have used a November date. I was hoping. They were supposed to announce it by now. I don’t want to put a date on it. We’ll announce when they’re ready to.”

City officials signed

non-disclosure agreements and are unable to reveal the identity of the Project Jackpot company. The city manager said economic factors such as supply chain delays could factor into why the company still hasn’t announced yet.

“There’s a lot of things going on in the economy that I would guess are pushing back their ability to open now,” Fiegenschuh said. “They were supposed to start using power from us already. We don’t have the components to get and they don’t have the components to get. The best answer I can give is they’ll announce when they’re ready to announce.”

The Lee-Ogle Enterprise zone was amended by the Rochelle City Council and other area members to attract Project Jackpot by adding 10 years of 50 percent abatement, creating a category for companies that make an investment of \$100 million or more plus adding at least 125 new jobs and a pay rate of \$50,000 or more before



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benefits and maintaining 95 percent employees. There are a total of 12 years of abatement for Project Jackpot’s west building. The east building won’t be abated at all.

The city also reached a development agreement with Project Jackpot.

Fiegenschuh said previously the city has invested a “significant” amount in

attracting Project Jackpot in terms of incentive dollars and staff hours. Infrastructure like the current substation project going on next to the Project Jackpot site has also been put into place.

“They’re bringing a lot of investment and jobs to our community and we need to be respectful of their decision not to an-

nounce yet,” Fiegenschuh said. “Is it frustrating that it’s taking longer than expected to announce? Absolutely. But you’re not in this for the short game. You play the long game. Having them here is going to be so good for our community. And if that means we have to wait an extra year for them to announce, so be it.”

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LOCAL NEWS

City Council approves garbage contract extension

Special use permit for tattoo business also approved Monday evening

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a resolution at its Monday meeting to extend its garbage contract with Northern Illinois Waste by 15 years until Jan. 1, 2037. The city's current garbage pickup for residents costs \$13.08 for each home and includes residential curbside weekly pickup for garbage recycling and yard waste (provided by the city). Unlimited recyclables and waste pick up are currently included along with quarterly electronic recycling pick up. The price per home is now \$15 beginning April 1, 2022, and will be increased each year on the same date not to go below three percent and not to exceed 4 percent. This same increase will be applied to the commercial pricing per year.

The changes for the next 15 years include every residential customer being provided one 95-gallon cart for garbage. All trash must be contained in the cart. If a resident needs extra carts they can be rented for \$36 a year or purchased for \$75 with a delivery fee of \$25 per cart.

The limit of trash is now whatever fits in the carts. No trash is allowed on the ground or in personal containers. Each household is allowed one bulk item per

week. There will be two bulk item clean ups per year where dumpsters are provided at a city location.

There will be no more alley pick up and all trash will need to be moved to either the front or side streets. Alley pick up is "not viable" due to alleys not being equipped for newer garbage trucks. Currently the city spends \$50,000 per year on alley maintenance and that will continue. The new contract will allow the city to reconstruct alleys to make them last over 20 years.

For up to 150 residents that are handicapped and physically unable, Northern will go to the front of the house and get the cart, dump it and walk it back to the front of the house. The city will work to compile a list of addresses to route into the driver's route.

Mike O'Malley of Northern Illinois Waste and Street Department Superintendent Tim Isley made the new contract presentation and answered questions from the council.

Tattoo business

The council unanimously approved a special use permit for a tattoo business at 507 W. 4th Ave. in downtown Rochelle.

The petitioner, Matt Steder, said the business will be by appointment only. Steder currently operates a tattoo business in Dixon.



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(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Sale of property

The council took no action at the meeting on an agenda item related to the sale of property at 860 S. 7th St. The offer was withdrawn by the potential purchaser. The city recently approved the marketing of the location that has been vacated by Rochelle Municipal Utilities after operations were moved to the former Johnson Tractor building that the city purchased.

Solar agreement

The council unanimously approved an interconnection agreement with Chicagoland Skydiving Center that will allow CSC to install solar panels on the roof of its facility.

The energy produced by the panels will be a reduction in load for both CSC and the Flight Deck Bar & Grill. The excess energy produced by the array will be net metered with a credit given to CSC

of \$0.02195 per kWh without battery storage and \$0.05470 per kWh with battery storage. If CSC has battery storage, the batteries must be configured to produce energy in frequency response/power quality mode so as to not put undue stress on RMU's infrastructure.

Well change order

The council unanimously approved a change order for its well house

four project in an additional amount not to exceed \$53,581.

The changes include additional paving, increased material pricing, additional bollards and concrete work, adding curb and gutter and changes in plumbing and electrical work. The original contract cost for the well-house was \$1.39 million and the most recent change order increases it to \$1.58 million.

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For the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended greater than or equal to six months after completion of an mRNA primary series, in the same risk groups for whom CDC recommended a booster of Pfizer-BioNTech, under FDA's Emergency Use Authorization. The Moderna booster dose is a smaller 50 microgram dose.

CDC recommends the following groups should receive boosters:

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- *People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a 50-mcg booster shot of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Moderna primary series.

Additionally, CDC recommends the following groups may be considered for boosters.

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- *People aged 18–64



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years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a 50-mcg booster shot of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after their Moderna primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

For the Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine, a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended for persons aged 18 years and older, greater than or equal to two months after receipt of the initial Janssen dose, under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization.

You may call 815-562-6976 to schedule an appointment. Other locations in Ogle County offering boosters are also listed below or contact your provider.

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The OCHD also is accepting appointments for the flu vaccine. This can be given at the same time as your COVID-19 Booster. Both the regular dose and high dose (for those 65 and older) are available.

LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY TIFFINY SMITH)

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ported 13 regional hospitals including Rochelle Community Hospital. Skinner’s Amusements was at the

blood drive serving fair food to those that attended. The first 150 donors received a T-shirt and all

donors were entered into a drawing to win tickets to the Oak Ridge Boys concert at the Egyptian Theatre

on Oct. 30, passes to The Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville and four McDonalds Value Meals.

Rochelle Police Department

Two men arrested for domestic battery

ROCHELLE — On Oct. 22 at 12:58 p.m. Tanya M. Vega, 42, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. She paid \$1,000 and was given an Ogle County court date of Nov. 17.

On Oct. 22 at 12:58 p.m. Michael Maise, 30, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant. He paid \$500 and was given an Ogle County court date of Nov. 17.

On Oct. 23 at 2:09 a.m. Andrew T. Villarreal, 33, of Santa Rosa,

Texas was arrested for two counts of driving under the influence and cited for disobeying a traffic control device. Villareal was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Nov. 19.

On Oct. 24 at 12:29 a.m. Paul Merritt, 38, of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Oct. 25 at 10:23 p.m. Paul Powers, 45 of Rochelle was arrested for domestic battery and transferred.

On Oct. 25 at 11 p.m.



Zachary Doty, 26, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Doty signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Dec. 3.

Woodlawn Cemetery gravesites must be cleaned up before Nov. 1

CRESTON — Woodlawn Cemetery in Creston would like to remind you to clean up your gravesites from the summer before Nov. 1.

This includes removing all artificial flowers, solar lights (not allowed), trinkets, lily or peony bushes, etc. Please don’t place new winter flowers (no glass ornaments) on before Nov. 10.

The board appreciates everyone helping to keep their graves picked up throughout the year. It makes our/your cemetery beautiful.

We also ask that you follow the guidelines and rules that are on the utility building on the west or back side of the cemetery. From now all solar lights will be pulled labeled and placed by the building.

Rochelle Planning & Zoning Commission meeting canceled

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet on Monday, Nov. 1 as regularly scheduled. The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

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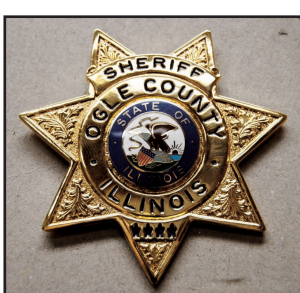
Deputies respond to one-vehicle accident

OREGON — On Oct. 22 at approximately 6:15 a.m. deputies responded to a one vehicle accident in the 500 block of East Townline Road. After an investigation it was determined that a three-axle dump truck being driven by Jeffery Pitzer, 57, of Franklin Grove, was westbound on Townline Road when he swerved to avoid a deer crossing the roadway. The dump truck entered the north ditch and struck the ditch embankment. The truck went up and over the embankment and came to a stop approximately 200 feet off of the roadway. Pitzer was transported to Swedish American hospital to be treated for injuries. No citations were issued.

On Oct. 23 at approximately 12:38 a.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop at North Illinois Route 2 and Kathryn Road. After a brief investigation, deputies arrested Seth E. Dascher, 28, of Rockford,

for no valid driver's license and unlawful possession of cannabis (improper container). Dascher was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond. While at the jail, Dascher was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and cited for speeding.

On Oct. 23 at approximately 9:51 p.m. deputies along with Byron Fire and EMS personnel were dispatched to the 10,800 block of North Illinois Route 2 for a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries. After investigation, deputies arrested Kelly L. Helfrich, 29, of Rochelle, for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while license suspended. Helfrich was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries. Helfrich was additionally cited for improper traffic lane usage and transport open container of alcohol. Helfrich was released on a



\$3,000/10 percent individual bond and provided a return court date.

On Oct. 24 at 12:29 a.m. deputies and Lynn Scott Rock Fire were dispatched to a single vehicle roll over crash on Illinois Route 251 near Holcomb Road. Investigation by deputies revealed that a southbound vehicle driven by Jason Bauser, 36, of Sterling left the west side of the roadway and overturned. Bauser was transported by ambulance for treatment of what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries. Bauser was arrested for driving under the influence and released on a I-Bond. Bauser was also cited for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol.

On Oct. 24 at approximately 12:25 a.m. deputies and Byron Fire/EMS responded to the 4,800 block of East Illinois Route 72 for a one vehicle rollover accident. After investigation, Tyler Jackson, 34, of Davis Junction, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Jackson was also cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and released on an I-Bond. Jackson was transported to a local hospital for injuries. He was issued a return court date.

Obituaries

Dawn Darlin (Bozee) Waltrip

ROCHELLE — Dawn Darlin (Bozee) Waltrip, 77, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

She was born on May 16, 1944 in Elmhurst, the daughter of George and Esther (Wolf) Bozee. She married David R. Waltrip on Oct. 1, 1966 in Arlington Heights. Dave and Dawn would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1.

Dawn started her career in banking, working for the First National Bank and Trust of Barrington. She later started working for Schaumburg School District 54 as a teacher's aide at Anne Fox Elementary School. Dawn continued that passion of working with children and helping others as a high school aide for Malta High School. She later worked for the DeKalb School District and retired in 2012 as a health aid.

Dawn loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed the many family vacations and trips all while journaling about the adventures. Dawn was

very creative. She enjoyed expressing her artistic side through drawings and took any opportunity she could to sketch or share her talent. She had a way with words and was always coming up with fun poems or funny little puns. She loved her puzzle books and brain teasers and always had a puzzle book by her side.

Dawn loved volunteering and spending her time helping others. She served on the Women's Auxiliary board for Hanover Park Baseball Association and helped maintain and staff the concession stands. Dawn loved her sports and could be found cheering on the Green Bay Packers, Chicago Blackhawks and the NIU Huskies. She was an avid bowler and was a part of many different bowling teams in various leagues. Dawn loved to spend time with family and friends and dearly loved her seven dogs she had over the years.

Dawn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, David, and her brother, Gary Bozee.



Dawn is survived by her two daughters: Denise Waltrip of Gilbert, Arizona and Darci Waltrip of Rochelle; sister, Sandy Kirk of Wauconda and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Unger Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28 at the Unger Horner Funeral Home with Pastor Joy Alsop officiating. Burial will follow at the Lawnridge Cemetery.

Services will be live streamed on the Unger-Horner Facebook page. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

James Paul "JP" Duncan

ROCHELLE — James Paul "JP" Duncan, 87, passed away Sunday, Oct. 24 with his family by his side at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford.

Jim was born on June 22, 1934, to Herbert and Lena Faye (Gullic) Duncan in Fort Benning, Georgia. He was a 2nd Machinist Mate serving with the United States Navy from 1955 to 1960.

On March 22, 1960, he

married Doris Jean Satterfield in Sycamore. She preceded him in death on May 18, 2011.

While working at Del Monte for 36 years, he also worked a couple of part time jobs at Krogers and Eagles. After retiring, he worked at May School and the Rochelle Community Hospital. He was a very hard worker.

Jim loved spending time with his family and friends but the grandchildren and great grandchildren captured a special place in his heart. His favorite pastimes were fishing, watching John Wayne movies and listening to gospel music, especially the Gaithers.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by five brothers: Frank, Fred, Russell, Herbert Jr. and John and three sisters: Virginia Harlow, Elizabeth Joanne Duncan and Marjorie Duncan.

Jim is survived by his six children: Paula McGill, Cheryl (Doug) Kuemmel, David Duncan, Tammy Schaper, Deana (Rick) Rhoads and Elizabeth (Greg) Petersen; 15 grandchildren: Michael (Sara) McGill, Jeff Kuemmel, Stacey (Josh) Andrews, Chris (Jessica) Hansen, David



Adam Duncan, Jim Paul Duncan, Alesha (Chad) Burtchael, Saralyn Duncan, Melissa (Andrew) Jordan, Kyle (Stacy) Schaper, Jon (Cheyenne Horne) Rhoads, Nick (Krystal) Rhoads, Lena (Bishop Flinchum) Petersen, Ian Petersen and Riley Petersen; 19 great grandchildren with number 20 arriving in November; sisters-in-law: Lela Duncan and Debbie Finney; many nieces and nephews as well as Donnie and Mark Caswell who held a special place in his heart.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Duane Boehm officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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LOCAL NEWS

RTHS students create relief sculptures

BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — In Andrea Swofford's 3-D Studio Art classes at Rochelle Township High School, she challenged students to create relief sculptures from recycled cardboard boxes, taking inspiration from Bob Ross (artist whose image they made appear in 3-D), Louise Nevelson and Chris Gilmour.

Relief sculptures with a base like cardboard use textures layered on creating depth. The assignment helped students understand that artwork depends upon layers and textures to create depth without help from color.

Bob Ross discovered oil painting while enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in the early 1960s. He studied the wet-on-wet technique, which allowed him to produce complete paintings in less than an hour. He became an instructor, eventually teaching a TV audience of millions on the public television show *The Joy of Painting*.

After dropping out of school in the ninth grade, Ross served in the U.S. Air Force. During his service, he took his first painting lesson at an Anchorage, Alaska United Service Organizations club. From that point on, he confessed he was hooked, a term he used frequently during his years as a painting instructor.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

In Andrea Swofford's 3D Studio Art classes, she challenged students to create relief cardboard sculptures from recycled cardboard boxes, taking inspiration from Bob Ross, Louise Nevelson and Chris Gilmour.



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

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CITY: Council receives check from CPower Energy

From page 2

The city council packet said the project has seen many challenges and delays during construction due to supply shortages and increased cost.

Tilton Park Drive

The council unanimously approved lowering the speed limit from 30 to 20 miles per hour on Tilton Park Drive. The city has recently received concerns from residents of motorists speeding on the street.

Good news

City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh presented a Good News award Monday to the city's advanced communications

department for its recent financial performance. Director of Advanced Communications Pat Brust accepted the award.

"We finally have turned a profit," Fiegenschuh said. "When I came on staff the fund balance was negative \$1.1 million and now we're over \$13,000. I want to commend Pat for working so hard to turn that department around. Now it's in the black and it's generating revenue."

Check presentation

The city accepted a check from Kellen Bollettino from CPower Energy for \$383,604.57 after the city and Americold participated in its Demand Response Program that cuts a check for

reduced power use during peak hours on high power use days. Americold was the only private entity

that participated, but the city hopes that more industrial customers will use the program in the

future.

The check was accepted by RMU Utilities Superintendent Adam

Lanning, Director of Water/Water Reclamation Jay Mulholland and Fiegenschuh.

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

David Navarro Jr.: The gentle giant

DAVID Navarro Sr. settled in the Rochelle area in 1850. The area was known as Lane at the time. He settled on about 80 acres of government land where the current airport is located. Government land was given free to those hardy enough to settle on it and make improvements. On June 22, 1861, David Navarro Jr. was born. A normal child in every way until age five, David Jr. was destined to be Rochelle's most famous resident for the next 20 years. In 1875, Lane changed its name to Rochelle and in 1876, David Sr. sold his farm for \$75 an acre and moved into a home at 620 Lincoln Ave. David Jr. was now five and his life was about to change forever. David began to gain weight. By age eight he weighed 165 pounds, more than his father. By age 12, David had to be taken next door to Braiden's Lumber and Coal Yard to be weighed. He tipped the scales at 325 pounds. When he reached the age of 13 he

secured the services of a manager and was contracted to appear at carnivals, side shows and circuses. This is when he caught the eye of P.T. Barnum and became part of his traveling show. Billed as "The Illinois Giant Boy," David traveled across the country. In 1876 he was featured at the Philadelphia Centennial and billed as "The World's Fattest Man." When not on the road, David Jr. was often found at the American Museum in New York. The museum was owned at that time by P.T. Barnum and featured true museum artifacts. In keeping with Barnum's philosophy, the museum also housed a zoo, a theater and what was referred to as the world's largest display of human oddities. Tom Thumb, at 25 inches tall, was listed as the world's shortest man. David Navarro at age 21, weighing a robust 735 pounds was now, "The World's Largest Man." David Sr. traveled

with his son. David Jr. needed assistance to accomplish even the most mundane tasks. With a 24-inch collar and a 97-inch waist, David Jr. could fill the stage, he just couldn't walk across it. While working at the American Museum, David Jr. was seen by as many as 15,000 visitors a day. David Jr. was making \$50 a week and another \$25 a week for souvenirs. Today that would be equivalent to \$2,000 a week. David's size was supporting his family. Unfortunately, his size was breaking his heart. David Jr. was embarrassed by his size. As a child, the trips to Braiden's to be weighed had been spectacles. Other children would call to their friends to come see the fat boy weighed. When he fell he would need help to get up. People would laugh and make cruel remarks about the "fat man." A simple two block trip from his family home to downtown Rochelle



Tom McDermott

required a special chair and a wagon to haul David. At 21, David Navarro Jr. was trapped in a body that no longer allowed him to live a normal life, but the same body fed him and his family. In 1882, David was one of the headliners at the "Harris Mammoth Sixth Street Museum" in Pittsburgh. It was here that David met Carrie Glendenning. Carrie saw more in David than he saw in himself. The two fell in love and began planning a wedding. But fate can be cruel. David Navarro Jr. became ill, and was rushed to the hospital. Smallpox took the gentle giant's life. As a final insult, David could not even be returned to his hometown, as no train would transport him due to fears of smallpox. He was immediately buried in Pittsburgh and lies at rest there to this day.

Tom McDermott is a Flagg Township Museum Historian and Rochelle City Councilman.

Johnny's pedigree and how we view race

"HE'S half Labrador retriever and half German shepherd," the volunteer said as she handed me the wiggling puppy. I looked into the mutt's shiny eyes and just shrugged. A few months ago, my wife, a veterinarian, went into work on her day off to spay and neuter dogs from a local animal rescue. Since I already had an obligation that morning, she took our 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin, along. "We'll just put her in an empty exam room with the puppies awaiting surgery while I'm back in the operating room," she told me. I cringed. Caitlin falls in love hard. Beforehand, the two of us told her that we already had enough pets, and we weren't going to adopt another. She could play with

the pups but none of them were going home with us. Wishful thinking. After spending a morning with one particular puppy she named "Johnny," Caitlin was smitten. My wife, Joan, caved first and said she could have him, "if Daddy says it's ok." I then became the subject of a two-week-long lobbying campaign that would put any statehouse advocate to shame. Daily, sometimes hourly, Caitlin would present her case for why she needed that puppy. She even emailed me a PowerPoint presentation on why the dog should join our family. I kept thinking if I held out long enough, she would lose interest and somebody else would adopt the pooch.



Scott Reeder

But her ardor remained undiminished and nobody else wanted that mutt. So, I gave in. When I went to pick him up, the volunteer said they knew little about him other than he and his littermates were found abandoned and that she just felt sure he was a Labrador/Shepherd mix. But after he came home, he didn't grow much, and he seemed far too small to be either of those large breeds. Every night he would curl up by the dinner table and we would debate his pedigree. My sister-in-law said she thought he was part Rhodesian ridgeback. My wife suggested pit bull. I just felt sure he was part coonhound. But Caitlin would give him a hug and just say, "I don't care." The ongoing debate

reminded me a bit of a journalism dilemma. Typically, reporters covering a trial will describe a jury by its racial and ethnic composition. Since reporters cannot talk to jurors during a trial, it becomes a guessing game. Is she Italian or Hispanic? Is he black or bi-racial? Is Juror No. 10 an Indian American? Or maybe he's Middle Eastern? We live in a nation where identity is increasingly ambiguous. A few years ago, I asked a Chinese-American friend and a Korean-American friend who they considered to be the most famous Asian American. They both said: Tiger Woods. But it's doubtful a stranger looking into a jury box would ascribe someone with Woods' complexion that identity. A few years ago, I took

a DNA test and learned I was 99 % of European extraction and one percent American Indian. Other than being able to brag that I may be more Native American than U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, I'm not sure what that test accomplished. Genetic tracking isn't limited to humans. One can send to a laboratory a sample of a dog's saliva and learn its genetic makeup too. So, after enduring multiple dinner-table debates about Johnny's pedigree, we mailed in a sample. The result: he's 17 different

breeds. He was only one percent Labrador and didn't have a drop of German Shepherd blood. And despite my speculation and my sister in law's, there was no Rhodesian ridgeback or coonhound to be found in his lineage. After hearing the results, Caitlin hugged her pup and said, "I don't care, I love him." If only more people would view others that same way. Scott Reeder, a staff writer with Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreed@illinoistimes.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Take care of all our citizens

Dear Editor, We must care for all our citizens. It has recently come to my attention that the homeless shelter Pete Pascua is providing in the trailer park off Illinois Route 251 is being denied power. Not being fully aware of all the particulars involved, as a concerned resident of Rochelle, a senior citizen and a follower of Jesus, I feel compelled to speak out on this inhumane and unacceptable denial of warm shelter and

meals for our less fortunate citizens. Please take the necessary action to restore power for heat and cooking to the shelter Pete so generously provides for our homeless and needy. Hopefully he will soon be able to return to his shelter downtown.

Sam Oymaian
Rochelle

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

What was your favorite Halloween costume that you wore while you were growing up?

"My sister and I went as 'Sleepy Heads' using bean bags and homemade pajamas. We won 'Most Creative.' We never did store-bought costumes. We always created them."
Cindy Foster Knight

"A witch's costume that my mom made for me. Probably around 1967 or so."
Carolyn Bontjes Braden

"Trying your best to dress like Madonna."
Shelly Sims Reynolds

"My pirate costume."
Connie M. Hay-McAnly

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COMMUNITY

Golden K club donates to two organizations

ROCHELLE — The Kiwanis Golden K donated money to two organizations Thursday.

The first was Village of Progress. Brion Brooks appeared at the meeting on VOP's behalf.

Golden K also donated

to Steward Girl Scout Troop 1870, who attended the meeting and posed for a photo with Don Romes.

"We pride ourselves in helping people in our community," the Golden K organization said in an email.

Pictured at right are Ric Taylor and Brion Brooks. Below, Don Romes presented a donation to the Steward Girl Scout Troop.

(COURTESY PHOTOS)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 28
Stephanie Wiginton
Bryce Weems

Oct. 30
Jack Powell

Oct. 31
Angel Weyhrauch

THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

Oct. 28 (Thursday) - Chili, Hot dogs, Broccoli Slaw
KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries
**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



- Sept. 30 - Morgan Yordy, Rochelle Library, \$25
- Oct. 1 - Carter Cash, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 2 - Lee Ossmann, Oregon, \$25
- Oct. 3 - Leah Vanstone, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 4 - Melissa Folkers, Sterling, \$25
- Oct. 5 - Mason Hill, Lake Forest, \$25
- Oct. 6 - Michelle Knight, Stillman Valley, \$25
- Oct. 7 - Kim Dewey, Davis Junction, \$25
- Oct. 8 - Marcy Kline, Amboy, \$25
- Oct. 9 - Kim Esgar, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 10 - Adam Lanning, West Brooklyn, \$50
- Oct. 11 - Barbara Zies, Rochelle, \$250
- Oct. 12 - Evelyn Hintzsche, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 13 - Lisa Charboneau, Lindenwood, \$25
- Oct. 14 - Vicki Conderman, Amboy, \$25
- Oct. 15 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$25
- Oct. 16 - Bobbie Colbert, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 17 - Mungor-ClarkDietrich, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 18 - Kevin Marchek, Dixon, \$25
- Oct. 19 - Ray McCracken, Byron, \$25
- Oct. 20 - Rachel Smith, Stillman Valley, \$25
- Oct. 21 - Evi O'Rorke, Steward, \$25
- Oct. 22 - Penny Lamb, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 23 - Carol Capes, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 24 - Tammy Castro, Rochelle, \$50
- Oct. 25 - Nancy Williams, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 26 - Mike Brown, Rochelle, \$25
- Oct. 27 - Kendall Vogeler, Rochelle, \$25

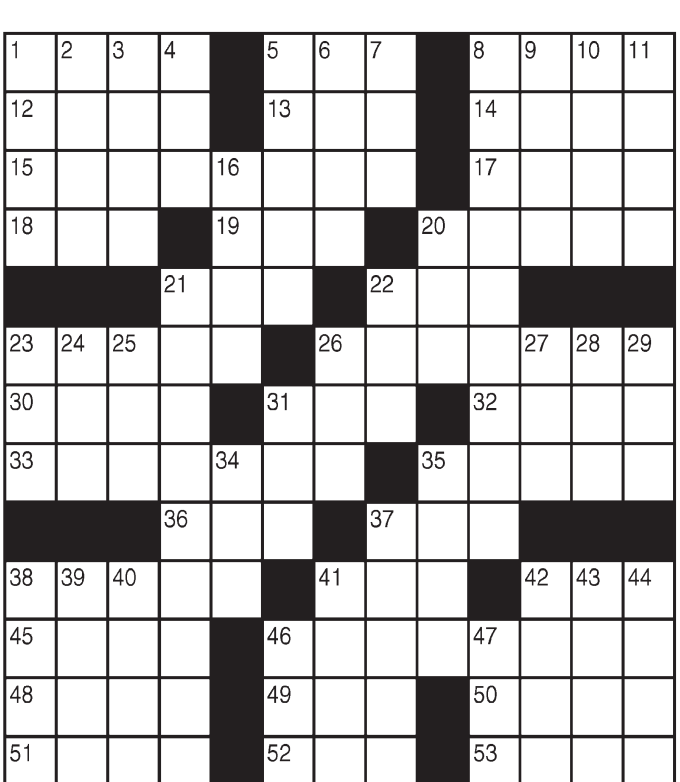


Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tibetan monk
- 5 Triumphed
- 8 Used car sites
- 12 Trojan War hero
- 13 Lincoln nickname
- 14 Taj Mahal city
- 15 TV fare for a night owl
- 17 Gusto
- 18 Gallery display
- 19 "The Raven" writer
- 20 "No way!"
- 21 Sign before Virgo
- 22 "Now, where — I?"
- 23 Vivaldi's output
- 26 Reveal
- 30 Dating from
- 31 Embrace
- 32 Salty septet
- 33 "Citizen Kane" sled
- 35 Train tracks
- 36 Observe
- 37 "Ray Donovan" actor Voight
- 38 Dish
- 41 Pirate's drink
- 42 Expert
- 45 San —, Italy
- 46 Single payments



- 48 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 49 "Uh-huh"
- 50 Perched on
- 51 Like slasher films
- 52 Mag. staff
- 53 Shetland, for one
- 8 Revolving server
- 9 Curved molding
- 10 Serving aid
- 11 Auction
- 16 Detail, briefly
- 20 Dallas hooper, briefly
- 21 Biography
- 22 Peruke
- 23 Scratch
- 24 Mil. morale booster
- 25 "Mayday!"
- 26 Lemon
- 27 Wahine's gift
- 28 Guy's date
- 29 Curvy letter
- 31 Coloration
- 34 Spell-off
- 35 Cavort
- 37 Checker moves
- 38 Bluenose
- 39 Toy block name
- 40 Cupid's specialty
- 41 Regretted
- 42 Car
- 43 "Let's go!"
- 44 Glimpse
- 46 Caustic solution
- 47 Potential syrup

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **G** equals **V**

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

King Crossword

CryptoQuip
answer
If a thieving villain needs an adhesive material, I imagine his first choice is robber cement.

PRIME TIME

Factors when discussing driving with seniors

AROUND 45 million licensed drivers on the roads today are age 65 and older.

Driving is one way for seniors to stay independent and live fuller lives, but traffic crashes are a leading cause of injury and death for older adults, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Older adults are more than twice as likely than younger drivers to report having medical conditions that make it difficult to drive, and usage of certain medications can further affect the ability to drive safely.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urges older drivers, friends and family to talk about driving safety. The following are some points to emphasize during such discussions.

Physical fitness: Driving is more than just understanding road signs and how the car works. Safe driving requires sufficient physical fitness to operate a vehicle.

Exercising and being active by walking daily, stretching and performing strength-training exercises can make it easier to steer and get in and out of the car.

Seat belts: Seat belts



save countless lives. Some older drivers may have grown up during a time when seat belts were not standard on vehicles and may not recognize the importance of wearing them.

However, seat belts are crucial each and every time drivers get behind

the wheel.

Vision checkups: The CDC recommends that adults have their vision checked by an eye doctor at least once per year. Corrective lenses or glasses also should be worn if they are needed to improve vision.

Medications manage-

ment: Individuals should exercise caution when taking medications, especially sleep and pain medications. Even cold remedies can affect driver safety, advises the Mayo Clinic.

Always read medication labels and pharmacy inserts to determine if

it's safe drive while on a given medication.

Limitations and modifications: Getting older may come with certain physical limitations that can be remedied with a few modifications. An occupational therapist may be able to recommend assistive devices,

such as steering wheel covers that make gripping the wheel easier, or a swiveling seat pad to make getting out of a vehicle less strenuous.

Aging drivers and their families can focus on various factors to keep such motorists safe when they're behind the wheel.

How to include giving in your estate plan

CHARITABLE giving is the lifeblood of many nonprofit organizations. The generosity of donors helps charities meet their missions and provide vital services to people facing disease, financial hardship and other situations they cannot overcome on their own.

Many donors make sacrifices to support their favorite causes and charities. Forgoing certain luxuries so money can be donated

to charity illustrates the selfless nature of charitable giving, which can even continue after death. Estate planning is a complicated process that details exactly how a person wants their assets divvied up after death. But an estate plan also can go into effect while individuals are still alive.

Each year, millions of people across the globe choose to include charitable giving in their estate plans, and that can benefit charities and donors. The

following are a handful of the many ways charitable men and women can incorporate giving into their estate plans.

Bequest giving in a will or living trust. Perhaps the most widely known way to include charitable giving in an estate plan is to bequeath money in a will or living will. The Community Foundation Alliance notes that bequests typically allow donors to define how their donations will be spent or utilized. That benefits charitable organizations, but surviving family members also can benefit from such arrangements. According to LawDepot.com, individuals may be able to lower the estate taxes on their estates at their time of death if they bequeath money to an eligible charitable organization in their wills.

Consider a charitable rollover. The Internal Revenue Service notes that individuals with an IRA, SEP IRA, Simple

IRA, or retirement plan account generally must begin withdrawing money from these accounts when they reach age 72. These withdrawals are called required minimum distributions and they are considered taxable income.

However, individuals who want to give to charity can opt for a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD. A QCD counts toward the minimum distribution from retirement accounts and individuals will not be taxed on the money they donate to charity.

That's a win-win for charities and individuals 72 and over who do not need to withdraw money from their IRAs to meet daily living expenses.

Donate via a charitable remainder trust. A charitable remainder trust, or CRT, allows individuals to set up a trust that benefits both a designated beneficiary and a charity or charities of their choosing. When a CRT is

set up, a beneficiary will receive annual payments from the trust until it terminates, at which time the remaining funds in the trust are donated to charity.

The philanthropy experts at Fidelity Charitable note that individuals can name themselves

as the beneficiaries of the trust, which ensures they will have an income during retirement and that their favorite charities will be supported when the trust expires.

Individuals who want to make charitable giving part of their estate plan can do so in various ways.



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SOLAR: City of Rochelle aiming to increase renewable energy usage

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The Rochelle city council has recently approved solar agreements with Kennay Farms Distilling and Chicagoland Skydiving Center.

The city committed \$90,000 over a three-year period for the Kennay Farms Solar Project. That project is not net metered, meaning any additional power produced will go back onto RMU's grid at no cost. The city expects to recover its investment in power savings within 10 years.

The council unanimously approved an interconnection agreement with CSC at its Monday meeting that allows CSC to install solar panels on the roof of its facility. The energy produced by the panels will be a reduction in load for both CSC and the Flight Deck. The excess energy produced by the array will be net metered with a credit given to the customer of \$0.02195 per kWh without battery storage and \$0.05470 per kWh with battery storage.

If the customer has battery storage, the batteries must be configured to produce energy in frequency response/power quality mode so as to not put undue stress on RMU's infrastructure.

Fiegenschuh said he'd eventually like to see even more solar in the area of CSC and the Rochelle Municipal Airport in the

"If we increase our renewable portfolio, which I'm sure we will, you'll probably see more residential homes having solar."

Jeff Fiegenschuh

future.

The city has its own solar field near its wastewater treatment plant that was done in 2015 and funded by a grant. Fiegenschuh said the city has looked into expanding that field in the future.

"If we expand it to its full capacity, it's typically \$1 million per megawatt right now for solar," Fiegenschuh said. "And we can do about two megawatts out there. So it would be about \$2 million and that would more than cover the load at the wastewater treatment plant. So we'd actually be pushing power back onto our grid."

As the city builds a new substation on the west side of town, Fiegenschuh said there could be solar panels put there. He said any solar investment would have to be cost effective and the city would have to make sure it's not putting too much in where it costs it more to produce than to sell it back to its customers.

"Those are just some areas where we're going to look at doing more solar," Fiegenschuh said. "If we increase our renewable portfolio, which I'm sure we will, you'll probably see more residential homes having solar. Here's the thing though, it's not fair if you can afford to put solar on your house that somebody

who can't afford it has to pay a higher electric rate to subsidize you putting solar on your house. There's a balance there we have to maintain."

The city could also buy solar power in the future from private developers that put panels outside of town. The city previously approached the developers of a planned solar field near Hillcrest about purchasing power, but there wasn't any available to buy.

Fiegenschuh conveyed that the city plans to look at more renewable forms of power than just solar. It wants to increase the power generation that comes from a methane burning plant at the Rochelle Landfill directly onto the city's grid. He'd like to see more wind turbines, at least one or two in Rochelle.

"I think it's important," Fiegenschuh said. "Solar is one component of renewables. We don't want to be too reliant on just solar. There's the landfill, solar, potential wind and who knows what's going to happen in 10 years with technology. I know there's ways to produce power off of the waste at the treatment plant. Again, we talk about solar, it's popular because there's government subsidies for it, but there's a lot of opportunities for other renewables that we should be looking at."



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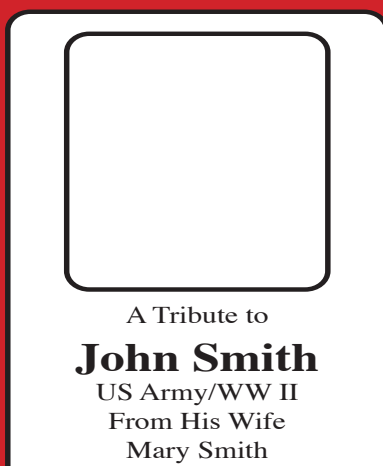
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SWINGING AT STATE

Jordin Dickey and MeLisa Young played in the IHSA 1A State Tennis Championship.

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RTHS Cross Country

Runners reach sectionals

Hub varsity team takes sixth at regional, Ortiz advances as individual

ELGIN — With five of the team’s top seven runners, including three underclassmen, setting personal records at the IHSA 2A Burlington Central Regional on Saturday, Rochelle will be sending its varsity boys cross country team to a sectional meet for the first time since 2011.

The Hubs finished sixth out of 10 schools Saturday afternoon, with junior David Wanner placing 30th overall in 17:53.88 to lead Rochelle in the 3-mile race at Plato Township Park. Senior Josue Huerta took 40th with a time of 18:35.53 to help spearhead the charge, while freshman Chris Hickey ran a personal-best time of 19:01.37 in his first postseason meet for 46th place.

“I was very excited when I found out we qualified for the sectional meet,” Huerta said. “All of our runners gave their all and it was really great seeing our young guys set personal records because it shows how much work they’re putting in. It’s really encouraging because it shows that our team has a lot of potential to grow in the future. We’ve all dropped our times from when our season started and some of our newest runners have improved their times a lot.”



(COURTESY PHOTO) The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub varsity cross country teams competed at the IHSA 2A Burlington Central Regional in Elgin on Saturday. The Hubs advanced to the sectional as a team, while junior Yuelma Ortiz qualified as an individual for the Lady Hubs.

Sophomore Alex Burke landed a few seconds behind Hickey, running a personal-best time of 19:08.93 for 47th place. Sophomore Parker Lenkaitis and senior Peter Forsberg rounded out Rochelle’s top six runners in the regional meet, with Lenkaitis taking 50th in

19:26.52 while Forsberg clocked in with a personal-best time of 19:29.27 for 51st place. The IHSA 2A Woodstock Sectional at Emricson Park will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Lady Hubs
Junior Yuelma Ortiz

qualified for the sectional as an individual, finishing 19th out of 76 runners with a time of 20:24.60. The Lady Hubs placed ninth out of 11 schools as a team. Senior Sara Johnson finished 38th with a time of 21:29.80 and landed one place short of advancing.

“I’m really excited because I haven’t gone to sectionals before,” Ortiz said. “It was disappointing that Sara wasn’t able to qualify but I’m excited to go to the sectional. I really loved the regional course and I liked how flat it was. The main challenges were

all of the turns we made and some of them were pretty tight so some of the runners bumped into each other. My goal during practice this week is to keep up with the boys as much as I can and my goal for the sectional meet is to run under 20 minutes.”

RTHS Football

Hubs ready for first-round matchup with Grizzlies

No. 5 Rochelle hosts No. 12 Chicago (Payton) to kick off IHSA 5A Playoffs

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity football team will host a playoff game for the first time since 2017. After receiving the No. 5 seed in the north division of the IHSA 5A Playoff bracket over the weekend, Rochelle will host No. 12 seed Chicago (Payton) this Friday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

The Hubs enter the playoffs with a 7-2 overall record and a six-game winning streak during which Rochelle has averaged over 36 points per game. The Grizzlies will arrive Friday evening with a 6-3 overall record and a 4-1 record in the Chicago Public Illini (Prairie State) Conference.

“I thought we received a good seed and a good draw,” head coach Kyle Kissack said. “Our kids are healthy and they really want to keep playing. I think Payton is really well coached and we met for a few hours on Sunday to talk about the matchup. They’re well coached in how they close with their shoulders squared and how

they scrape hard and use their hands in their blocking schemes. They have some talented players who can do a variety of things for them.”

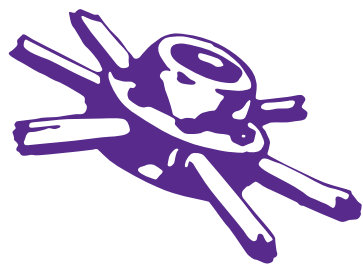
Chicago (Payton) will be one of a state-record 24 Chicago Public School football programs competing in the playoffs this fall. The Grizzlies rode a four-game winning streak into their Chicago Public League Playoff matchup against Chicago (Phillips) this past weekend, with the Wildcats dominating the Grizzlies 50-6. Chicago (Payton) scored its most notable win during Week 8, with the Grizzlies edging previously unbeaten Chicago (Clark) in a 17-16 matchup.

“They’ve been in some big games and they’ve won some big games,” Kissack said. “We need to focus on one day at a time and work on getting better every day. We’ve played well offensively throughout the season, but I think our defense has really come along as the season has progressed.”

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES) Junior Trey Taft (left) and senior Braden Alfano (right) team up to tackle Plano’s Ray Jones during the Rochelle Hub varsity football game against the Reapers. Rochelle will face Chicago (Payton) in the first round of the IHSA 5A Playoffs this Friday at Rochelle Township High School.



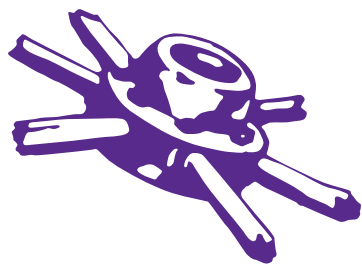
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Seniors Jordin Dickey and MeLisa Young represented the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity tennis team at the IHSA 1A State Championship tournament this past Thursday.

Doubles duo battles at IHSA State Championship

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

PALATINE — Rochelle senior Jordin Dickey said she hadn't laughed or had as much fun at any point in her life as she did while competing with doubles teammate, lifelong friend and fellow senior MeLisa Young at the IHSA 1A State Championship tennis tournament this past week.

The Lady Hub netters headed east for the state meet this past Wednesday, receiving an escort from the Rochelle Police Department and the Rochelle Fire Department while family members, friends and members of the RTHS cheerleading and volleyball teams waved and cheered them on. After going out to dinner Wednesday evening and spending the night at a hotel, Dickey and Young took the court at Palatine High School for the opening round Thursday morning.

"It was really nice that the community came together to support us before we left for state," Dickey said. "I thought we played really well. It wasn't any easier than the matches we played during the season, especially going to a 10-point tiebreaker in our first match, but I thought we worked

really well together. We were having a lot of fun as well. Our team really became a family over the last four years and coach [Lizzie] Cartwright was a really huge help for us."

Dickey and Young faced Prairie Ridge duo Aleena Ciezak and Kelsey Collins in the first round, going three sets but falling just short in a 7-5, 2-6, 6-10 loss. The Rochelle netters moved into the consolation bracket and took on LaSalle-Peru's Catherine Engels and Ava Lannen next, dropping the match 2-6, 1-6 to conclude their run at the state tournament. Dickey and Young finished 20-13 in doubles play this season and ended their careers as two-time state qualifiers.

"It meant a lot that we had so much support behind us and everyone was cheering for us," Young said. "I thought we played really well and there were a lot of good teams there. I'm proud of how we performed and we had a lot of fun. Jordin and I are already really close, but going to the state meet together really brought us closer. I enjoyed making new friends over the last four years and I enjoyed trying something new because I hadn't played tennis before."



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RTHS Volleyball

Lady Hubs fall in IHSA 3A Regional Semifinals

Rochelle finishes 16-16 after 10-25, 18-25 loss to Burlington Central

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

BURLINGTON — Slow starts have hurt the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team all season. That issue came to the surface once again on Tuesday, when the fifth-seeded Lady Hubs faced the third-seeded Burlington Central Rockets to open the IHSA 3A Burlington Central Regional.

Rochelle fell behind early in both sets of the semifinal matchup, with Burlington Central building early leads and holding off late surges from the Lady Hubs to win the match 25-10, 25-18. Junior Addie Friestad and sophomore Kennedy Adamski each finished with four kills, while senior Sylvia Hasz totaled 10 assists for the Lady Hubs, who finished with a 16-16 record.

"We started off slow and that's been our struggle all season," head coach Molly Sly said. "I thought we were out of that funk but it came back to haunt us tonight. When we're facing a team like Burlington Central, we can't start slow. We have to want every point and go after every ball and I thought our nerves showed tonight."

It was a disappointing loss but our season isn't defined by one match. We had won our previous four matches before tonight."

The Rockets dominated the early portion of the match, scoring the first seven points in the first set and forcing a Rochelle timeout. The Lady Hubs struggled to receive serves and dig balls as the set progressed, falling behind even more while Burlington Central went ahead by as many as 14 points. The Rockets started strong in the second set as well, opening with an 8-2 run.

"We looked nervous tonight and I hope the girls who are coming back next season were able to get those nerves out of their systems," Sly said. "Hopefully we can come back next season and be in this situation knowing how to feel and how to handle the excitement and the jitters."

Rochelle showed more fight in the second set, clawing back and bringing the Rockets within four points with Hasz pressuring the Burlington Central defenders with her serves and passing.

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(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team celebrates a point during the IHSA 3A Regional Semifinals against Burlington Central on Tuesday.

HUBS: Rochelle opens playoffs against Chicago (Payton)

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"After our loss against Richmond-Burton, our defense has played really well against some explosive and dynamic teams and players. Our defense

has grown significantly."

Should the Hubs advance beyond the first round Friday evening, Rochelle would reach the second round for the first time since 2017, when the Hubs upset No. 1 seed

and previously undefeated Johnsbury before falling against Morris in the quarterfinals. Rochelle has some history with Chicago (Payton), as the Hubs and Grizzlies squared off in the first round of the IHSA 4A

Playoffs during the 2014 season, with Rochelle crushing Chicago (Payton) 60-16.

"We've added some wrinkles to our defense to improve our coverage abilities in space and our

special teams unit came up with huge plays over a three-game stretch that really changed things for us," Kissack said. "We're absolutely playing complementary football right now and we're getting

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SPORTS

RTHS Football

Fresh-Soph Hubs win finale over Sandwich

Rochelle defeats Indians 22-0 to finish season with 8-1 record

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team closed out the 2021 season with a 22-0 victory against Sandwich on Friday. Rochelle finished with an 8-1 overall record and a 5-1 record in the Interstate 8/Kishwaukee River Blue Division.

Sophomore Brandt Waters put Rochelle ahead with a 14-yard touchdown run. Freshman Xavier Villalobos extended the Hub lead on a 5-yard touchdown rush, with sophomore Brock Metzger running in the 2-point conversion.

Leading 14-0, Rochelle iced the win with a 6-yard rushing touchdown from sophomore Tommy Tour-



(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

The Rochelle Hub fresh-soph football team defeated Sandwich 22-0 to close out the 2021 season on Friday. At left, sophomore Tommy Tourdot rushes past two Sandwich defenders. At right, freshman Frankie Pelan lines up outside at the wide receiver position.

dot, which preceded a 2-point pass from freshman Carson Lewis to freshman

Jack Pavlak. Freshman Brandyn Metzger led the Hub defense with 11 tack-

les, while Brock Metzger totaled eight tackles in the victory. The fresh-soph

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SPORTS

GIRLS: Lady Hubs fall in regional

From page 3

But a brief 5-0 spurt from the Rockets forced another Rochelle timeout, and while Friestad and Adamski each scored key kills down the stretch, the Lady Hubs were unable to fully recover from their early deficit. Juniors Payton Hale and Cassandra Garcia each recorded five digs.

"Sylvia getting to the service line helped us force them out of their rhythm," Sly said. "They were giving us more free balls instead of solid swings at the net. It's hard to play defense when we're giving up free balls instead of forcing the other team to give us free balls."

Burlington Central will advance to the IHSA 3A Regional Finals on Thursday. The Lady Hubs finished 16-16 overall and 8-6 in the Interstate 8 Conference this season.



Senior Sylvia Hasz prepares to serve during the IHSA 3A Regional Semifinals against Burlington Central on Tuesday.

(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

St. Paul Lutheran School



Johnson medals at Lutheran National Championship meet

St. Paul Lutheran School's Tyler Johnson represented the Crusaders at the Lutheran National Cross Country Championship in Wisconsin this past weekend. Johnson finished 14th in his age group (Grades 3-6) with a time of 13:05.9 and was named a Second-Team All-American for his performance.

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