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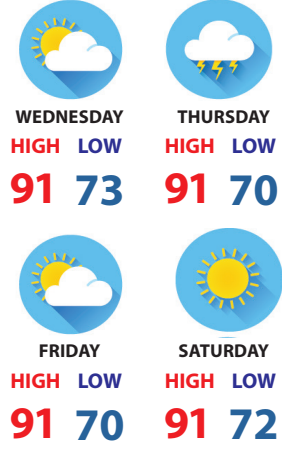
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RPAA holds ribbon ceremony

‘We’re excited to finally be able to do this’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Performing Arts Academy joined the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and planned on doing a ribbon cutting event at its Lincoln Mall location at 425 Lincoln Highway just before the pandemic started.

It was finally able to hold the ceremony on Friday.

“We’re excited to finally be able to do this,” RPAA Director Christa McGrath said. “The past 18 months have definitely been crazy. We’ve had to adapt in ways we never thought we would. We never thought we’d have to teach online or dance outside. It’s been interesting, but great. We’ve had great support from our families here through it all.”

Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows attended the ribbon cutting and spoke about the need in town for organizations like the RPAA.

“Many months ago we talked in a meeting I was at about what we want to see in Rochelle,” Bear-



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Rochelle Performing Arts Academy joined the Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and Mayor John Bearrows for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 425 Lincoln Highway this past week.

rows said. “One of the things we talked about was the arts. It’s a very important part of the community. I want to welcome you on behalf of the city and thank you for what you do for our youth to expose them to the arts and hopefully that will take them further in their careers.”

The RPAA moved to town in 2010 and started in another location downtown for a couple of years,

McGrath said. The space was “really tiny” and the academy only had 25-30 students then.

The organization grew and came down to the Lincoln Mall and has improved the space. A renovation was done in 2020. Some walls were taken down and some were added. One dance space became two.

“Right before the pandemic we were at our highest peak, just over 100

students,” McGrath said. “We kind of dropped a little bit due to COVID-19 but we’re on track to have another great year and have a lot of new students this year. We’ve done a bit of a facelift here. It’s making sure we have a safe space for students to dance in.”

McGrath said her philosophy is to make RPAA a family and a second home. There is programming for girls and boys

from ages 18 months and up. Everyone who comes there to dance is welcome to be themselves.

“It doesn’t matter your skill level or your experience,” McGrath said. “We tell our kids to go out and do their best and it doesn’t matter what score you get. It’s about giving kids the extra opportunity to go out and do what they’re passionate about.”

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RTHS dedicates tree to Todd Smith

Former Booster Club president passed away in December

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Before he passed away in December, Todd Smith gave the Rochelle Township High School football coaches Under Armour shirts to wear under their polos during games.

“Last spring, I wore it every game,” RTHS Football Coach and Teacher Brian Worthington said. “I intend to wear it every game until I retire. Because every Friday night, he’s one of the things I want to think about.”

Worthington spoke those words during a tree dedication in Smith’s honor on Friday at the school. Smith’s family and football players and coaches gathered to honor the late photographer and booster club president.

The tree was planted on Purple Pass on May 17. RTHS Athletic Director Rich Harvey said Smith



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

RTHS Principal and former Hub football assistant Chris Lewis speaks during the Todd Smith tree dedication ceremony Friday evening. The ceremony was attended by Hub football players and several RTHS staffers.

wore many hats at RTHS and photographed dances, musicals, sports, assemblies and more.

“He was the yearbook supervisor,” Harvey said. “He was at practice. He was part of the booster

club and gave a significant amount of money to help support our programs. He also ran Hub Sports Pho-

tography. Each year he’d give a big check.

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LOCAL NEWS

Council approves bond issuance for electric upgrades

City of Rochelle to receive \$1.23 million from American Rescue Plan Act

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle City Council unanimously approved an ordinance at its Monday meeting authorizing the issuance of \$18 million in general obligation to pay for improvements to its electric system.

There are several infrastructure projects (transformer, substation, solar, 5kV, etc.) that will be necessary in the next few years in the electric department. Rather than deplete cash reserves, staff recommended taking advantage of the “low interest rate environment” and issuing bonds.

“We’re doing two issuances, \$9 million each,” City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. “That’s to allow our local banks to have the ability to bid on them. Right now, interest rates are about two percent. It’s a good rate. I’m a little leery about taking out \$18 million in total to be honest with you. We’re going to do the first issuance and see how things play out.”

The annual payback the city will make will be about \$500,000 a year and the improvement projects won’t require a rate increase for Rochelle Municipal Utilities customers, Fiegenschuh said.

American

Rescue Plan

The city is set to receive approximately \$1.23



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Firefighter and Paramedic Zech VanVickle (left) joined the Rochelle Fire Department as its 13th full-time member this month. Van Vickle was sworn in during the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday evening.

million in two installments from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act. Funds may be spent on improvements to water, sewer, broadband and replacement of lost revenues.

The city council unanimously approved the spending of those funds on \$940,000 for rehabilitation and painting of the overpass water tower, \$225,000 in updating fiber infrastructure and \$60,000 in updates to Railfan park.

Annexation for city’s railroad

The city voted unanimously to enter into an annexation agreement for 10 acres of land with GREDCO to assist in economic development by extending its transload yard. The 10 acres are located north of 1951 Steward Road.

The city also unanimously agreed to annex four lots into the city to open adjacent land to rail access totaling 47.44 acres

located east of Steward Road and south of Richie Road.

Public hearings were held for both annexations at the meeting.

Water

improvements

The council unanimously passed a resolution giving Fiegenschuh the authority to sign Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan documents to borrow \$9 million to

provide funds to pay for its water reclamation plant phase two improvements.

SCBA purchase

The council unanimously approved the purchase of 26 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units for the fire department along with ancillary equipment at a cost of \$182,400 to replace 24 current units which have reached their usable life span of 15 years.

\$166,666.67, or 95

percent of the purchase was covered by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant.

VanVickle

sworn in

Members of the Rochelle Fire Department roster filled the room to start the meeting for the swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic Zech VanVickle, who joined the department this month as its 13th full-time member.



RPAA: Ceremony held for new studio

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During the COVID-19 shutdown, the RPAA was unable to hold in-person classes. McGrath said programming had to pivot to Zoom and there was still a “pretty good” response from students.

The RPAA was unable to hold its usual big performance last year due to the pandemic and had an outdoor performance later in the year. The kids got to do what they had been working so hard on for an

audience.

“It’s been interesting,” McGrath said. “Dance is a lot about connection. When you have rules when you can’t be close together or touch each other, it really has made us get creative and think outside of the box. We’re really looking forward to getting back to our full schedule and opening up our doors to everybody again and welcoming new kids and our former kids back to dancing in person.”

Northern Illinois Disposal gives mattress update

ROCHELLE—Northern Illinois Disposal announced Monday that for the health and safety of their staff, mattresses for curbside pickup must be wrapped in plastic.

The City’s contract with NIDS allows for two bulk items per pickup, per household. A single mattress counts as a bulk item and will only be collected if wrapped in plastic.

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LOCAL NEWS



Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival takes over downtown

(PHOTOS BY ELLEN O'MALLEY)

The 49th annual Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival took place Saturday after it was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The festival included a car and motorcycle show, a food court, craft and vendor booths and live music.

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Obituaries

Jason James Coil

ROCHELLE – Jason James Coil, 44, formerly of Rochelle, passed away Friday, Aug. 20 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Jason was born May 6, 1977 in Rochelle, the son of Rick and Pam (Houghtby) Coil.

Jason enjoyed playing video games, singing karaoke and bowling. He was fond of animals, especially his dogs and cats. He loved spending time with family and would never miss a family picnic. Jason was a loving and devoted son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend who was loved, and will be missed, by all who knew him.

Jason is survived by his father, Rick Coil of Rochelle; brothers: Kev-

in (Beth) Coil, and their daughter, Ali, of Sycamore, Dan Coil of Rochelle, and David Coil, of Rochelle; paternal grandparents, Charles and Gwen Coil of Rochelle; maternal grandmother, Judy Wyatt of Rochelle; uncles: Don Houghtby of Rockford and Jerry Houghtby of Springfield; aunts: Teresa Adams of Rochelle, Debbie (Mike) Smith of Michigan, Tina (Tim) Ramsey of Chana and Greg Coil of Dixon; and numerous cousins, friends and friends and family from southern Illinois.

Jason is preceded in death by his mother, Pam Coil, and maternal grandfather, Gerald Houghtby.

Memorial visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday,



Aug. 27 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. Graveside service will follow the visitation at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. Cremation care has been provided.

Contributions in Jason's memory may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Mable Jean Stienmetz-Mann

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. – Mable Jean Stienmetz-Mann died Thursday, Aug. 19 while at Ozark Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jeanine battled courageously against her fight with cancer.

She was born Aug. 29, 1961 in Oregon the daughter of John W. Stienmetz and Lena M. Stienmetz.

Jeanie enjoyed gardening, raising and caring for baby farm animals and being the first to spot

the returning robins that came with the spring time season. In addition, Jeanie was a talented crafter and painter, crocheter of many blankets and other articles of comfort and canning and cooking, all done for the love of her family and friends.

Survivors include her sisters: Mary Lundquist of Rochelle and Barbara Ann Frost of South Beloit; brothers: Jack Stienmetz of Lakehills, Texas, and Ted Stienmetz of Oregon; nieces and nephews and companion, Jeff Sartorius



of Osage Beach.

Memorials may be directed to Lake Regional Health Systems, Home Health-Hospice, 54 Hospital Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Gary D. Tabor

MESA, Ariz. – Gary D. Tabor, 73, of Mesa, Arizona, formerly of Dixon and Rochelle, passed away Aug. 9.

Gary was born Oct. 24, 1947 in Dixon to Henry Vancel Tabor and Vivian Elaine (Davidson) Tabor.

Gary worked for Rochelle Diesel Power Plant for 25 years and TLC for

11 years and retired.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jerry, and grandsons Nathan and Richard Jr.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jean Tabor, of 56 years of Mesa; son Richard (Marge) Tabor of Rochelle, daughter Rhonda Tabor of Naples, Florida, sister-in-law Sally Tabor of Mesa,



grandchildren Matthew of Rochelle, Kristal of Monroe Center, Carmella (Will) Zigler of Dixon, Gary M. Tabor of Amboy, Brian Stoll of Rochelle, Joseph Stoll, Brittney Stoll of Naples, Florida, grandchildren Sadie, Lucy Zigler of Dixon, Hayden Hayes of Monroe Center, Layla and Rylynn of Amboy and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to hospice care.

A celebration of life will be held at the VFW of Rochelle on Oct. 23 from noon-4 p.m.

Barbara L. Govig

MALTA – Barbara L. Govig, 86, of Malta, passed away Monday, Aug. 23 at Oak Crest Health Center in DeKalb. She was born Dec. 6, 1934 in Pingree Grove, Illinois, the daughter of Clyde and Wilma (Cromeans) Duncan. She married Berdean "Bud" Govig on Jan. 17, 1954 at the Malta United Methodist Church.

Barb graduated from Malta High School in 1953. She and her husband lived on the family farm on Shabbona Road since 1954. They farmed together in the Malta area for many years. When they weren't working on the farm, Barb and Bud enjoyed traveling together.

She was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Prime Timers. She was a devoted member of the Calvary Lutheran Church. She belonged to several women's circles at the church and served on the altar guild for several

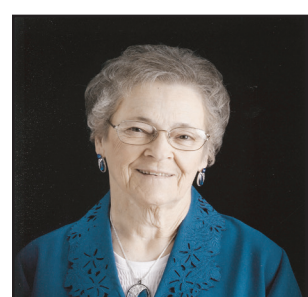
years.

Barb is survived by her children, Barb (Larry) Fowler of Belvidere, Charlene (Dean) Johnson of Sycamore, and Jim (Lisa) Govig of Malta; a daughter-in-law, Stephanie Govig, of Castle Rock, Colorado; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two sisters, Judy Martens of West Virginia, and Doris Taylor.

In addition to her parents, Barb is preceded in death by her husband, Bud; a son, John Govig; grandson, Barry Galitz and a sister, Ethel Taylor.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her lifelong friend, Marilyn Berg, Pastor Martha Nelson, Heartland Hospice, Dr. Dhaval Thakkar, Dr. Jagdish Patel and the staff at Oak Crest for the care and comfort given to our mom.

Funeral service will on Monday, Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Lutheran



Church in rural Lee with Pastor Martha Nelson officiating. The funeral service will be live streamed on the Jacobson-Torman Funeral Home Facebook page. If there are technical difficulties, the service will be recorded and posted on the Facebook page after its conclusion.

Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Calvary Lutheran Church or Union Cemetery.

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Rochelle Police Department

Man arrested on county warrant

ROCHELLE – On Aug. 21 at 5:01 p.m. Neehan Balasubramanian, 31, of Forest Park was cited for disobeying a stop sign. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of Oct. 1.

On Aug. 22 at 10:01 p.m. Jared Bullock, 32, of Steward was arrested on an outstanding Lee County

warrant. He paid \$100 and was given a Lee County court date of Oct. 1.

On Aug. 24 at 12:33 a.m. Paul A. Powers, 44, of Rochelle was arrested for driving while license suspended, no signal and no insurance. He was released on an I-Bond and given a Rochelle court date of Oct. 1.

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LOCAL NEWS



St. John's Church holds ice cream social and talent night

An ice cream social and "Share the Talent" night was held at St. John's Church in Creston on July 25. Those who participated in the program were: Back row: Jason Roinas, Pauline Cultra, Gavin Wilson, Jerry Halverson, Frank Beardin, Lyle Headon and Steven Latimer. Front Row: Marilyn Quitno, Rev. Joan Scheffler, Cheryl Johnson, Marcia Halverson, Rhonda Koach, Connie Holliday, Lynn Hansen, Nancy and Rev. Carl Rasmussen.



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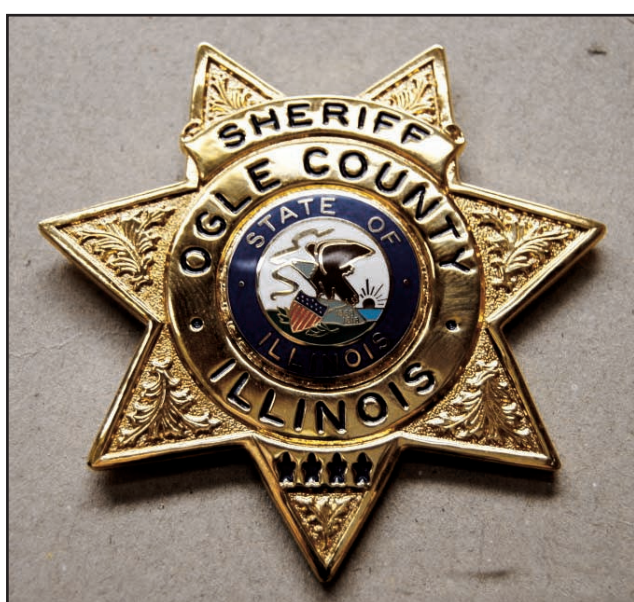
A men's chorus formed to close the program with a hymn and patriotic song. Those joining in song were: back and middle row: Frank Beardin, Jason Roinas, Roger Thuestad, Brian and Charles Quitno, Gavin Wilson, Jerry Halverson, Dean Holliday, Lyle Headon, Rev. Bob Hansen, Eldon Miller, Rev. Carl Rasmussen and Gary Mullis. Front row: Jerry Scheffler, Shane Roinas, John Paxton, Ken Hudson, Scott Roinas and Steven Latimer.

Ogle County Sheriff's Department

Deputies respond to single-vehicle accident

OREGON – On Aug. 21 at approximately 7:27 p.m. deputies and the Byron Fire Department responded to a single vehicle accident in the 10,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. An preliminary investigation determined a southbound vehicle driven by Sandra Koutlemanis, 51, of Des Plaines, traveled off the west edge of the roadway. The vehicle then overcorrected and entered the east ditch where it traveled down a small embankment before coming to a rest. Koutlemanis was transported to Swedish American Hospital by Byron Fire/EMS for treatment of minor injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

On Aug. 21 at 12:24 a.m. deputies and Lynn-Scott-Rock EMS were dispatched to North Walnut Street at West 2nd Street in Lindenwood for vehicle pulled over on the side of the road, and the male driver, later identified as Gary Brenton, 33, of Woodstock, experiencing a medical emergency. Brenton was checked by EMS and signed a refusal. After an investigation, Brenton was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating com-



pounds (drugs/alcohol), possession of controlled substance 15-100 grams (heroin) and possession with intent to deliver 15-100 grams (heroin). Brenton was also issued a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Brenton was transported to the Ogle County Jail until his appearance before a judge.

On Aug. 22 at 5:15 p.m. deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 1,000 block of South Daysville Road for an equipment violation. After an investigation, Veronica Tabares, 35, of Sterling was arrested for driving on a suspended license. Tabares was also cited for operating an uninsured

motor vehicle, no front license plate and improper use of registration. Tabares was released on a \$2,500 I-Bond.

On Aug. 24 deputies arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile from Rockford for driving with no license. The juvenile was arrested by deputies on Interstate 39 near Monroe Center after being stopped for speeding 101 m.p.h.. The juvenile was issued an I-Bond and released to his parents. He will appear in Ogle County court at a later date.

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Cagle

ROCHELLE—Patricia "Patty" Ann Cagle, 72, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center in Franklin Grove.

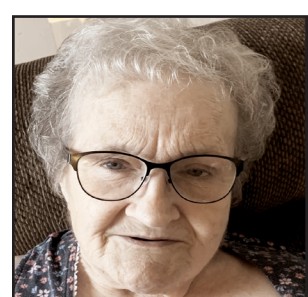
Patty was born on July 21, 1949 to Harry and Betty (Michmershuizen) Kuemmel in Rochelle. On April 28, 1986, she married Johnny Clay Cagle in Oregon. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 2001 along with her grandson, Dustin Merriman.

Patty loved to spend time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Friends and family were always welcomed with open arms and met with much laughter, many jokes and teasing. Her kids were grateful for her willingness to always help them out when in need. She had a special place in her heart for dogs and other pets.

Patty is survived by her children: Larry (Becky) Chisem of Wynn, Alaska, Melanie (Adam) Asbury of Franklin Grove, Theresa Cagle of Rochelle, Debra Jerkes of Point Blank, Texas, Catherine Chisem of Arkansas and Stephanie (Danny) Evans of Hardy, Alaska; brother, Douglas (Cheryl) Kuemmel of Rochelle; two sisters: Diana Quest of DeKalb

and Carolyn Kuemmel of Davenport, Iowa; grandchildren: Karlee, Marissa and Dakotah Asbury, Mackenzie Cagle, Keith Chisem and Karen Wilson and great grandchildren: Janyah Williams, Addison and Kyndal Chisem, Christopher Melton, John Wilson and her dog, Macey.

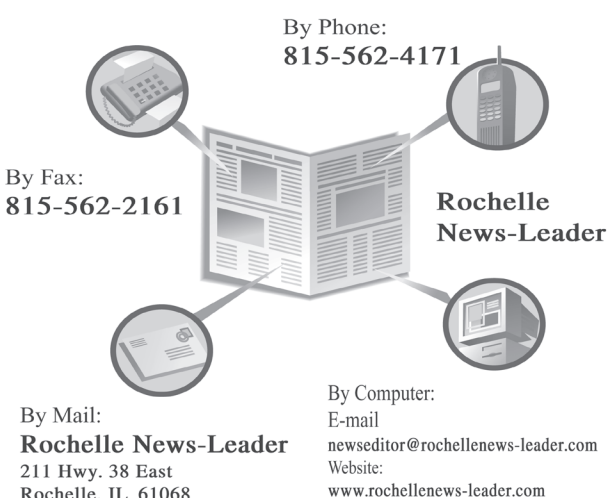
The visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral



home with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Burial will follow the service at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. A memorial is to be established. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

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Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update

As of Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Positivity Rate as of August 23:

- Illinois—5.1%
- Regional—7%
- Ogle County—9.1%

Illinois Cases per 100k: 207.33
Ogle County Pct. Fully Vaccinated: 45.58%

Vaccinations

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

A place for community

WHAT you should know first about The REC Center is that it is not solely the building you see from a distance, amazing as it is, that makes it a productive contribution to the community.

The building itself is simply a foundation for good things to happen. A community recreation center can be expected to be a place for any number of things to occur like being a safe place to drop off a child, take a fitness class or run a few miles on the path.

The REC, however, even before a year's mark since opening, has striven to go above and beyond just what is expected of the facility.

Although justice cannot be done in such a short account, I will do my best to illustrate an example that represents the character of The REC and those involved in it. Living in Northern Illinois, we have all come to expect quick weather changes and cancellations of events as a result. Thanks to a facility like The REC, there will be (and, in fact, already have been) times when accommodations can be made to allow for events to avoid cancellations.

There are not many things more disappointing than telling your child who has been waiting their whole life to play his first game that it has been cancelled.

The need for a community recreation center in Rochelle has been apparent for a long time, but seeing it finally come to fruition has been a more impactful result than we could have ever imagined. Youth who are involved in their community at a young age are more likely to want to return "home" as adults and

The REC is just one place to foster that love of community.

The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District has an inherent responsibility to assist those who are also working to improve the experiences of Rochelle citizens. The idea of community in Rochelle is so strong that there is no shortage of people looking to get involved.

Local sports affiliates, community groups, and individuals passionate about our community are welcome to use The REC as their centralized "Hub."

We invite the entire community to come out to The REC for our Grand Celebration on Saturday, Aug. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Come see the facility, meet our staff, and get a small glimpse into what The REC is doing and will continue to do for Rochelle. Food will be available for purchase from Ralfie's BBQ as well as Tacology. Raffles, giveaways, activities, games and more will be happening all afternoon, so be sure to stop in!

The Flagg-Rochelle Park District has been making great strides towards bringing our community together and The REC Center only serves to further that mission. Our staff, board, members, visitors, and community supporters are the reason we are able to accomplish so much and we are thankful that The REC has been as well received as it has.

Remember, the building is just the foundation — come inside to see the good that happens here!

Scott Stevens is the recreation supervisor of the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District.



Scott Stevens

The Iceman Cometh

THE Iceman Cometh. Before it was a play, it was a weekly event at most homes in Rochelle.

There was a day before refrigerators occupied every kitchen. The only way to keep food cold was the ice box. The ice box was a metal lined piece of furniture which had a compartment for a block of ice which cooled the rest of the contents.

To work the ice box needed one thing, ice. Ice, as I am sure you are aware, does not grow on trees. From around 1874 through the early 1900s, ice in Rochelle came from Braiden's quarry.

The quarry was allowed to flood each winter. As the cold settled over the community, the lake would slowly freeze. Once frozen, an army of about 30 men would begin harvesting ice blocks.

The harvest was no random event. The ice had to be 9-14-inches thick, with 14 preferred. The workmen would then clear the ice of snow and use a horse drawn "ice plow" to scribe a grid onto the ice.

These shallow-cut grid lines would mark where the sawyer was to hand cut the ice into uniform blocks. Each block was 2-foot-by-3-foot and weighed 350 pounds. After the block was cut it was dragged by horses up

a three-story ramp and lowered down another ramp into the ice storage building.

Two horses would pull three ice blocks (slightly over 1,000 pounds) at a time up the ramp. A single horse would pull the iron hook back down the ramp for the next set of blocks. Once in the ice house, the blocks were piled up to six layers high.

When one layer was full, saw dust was spread over the ice to keep the layers from freezing together. The ramp from the lake side was raised and the next layer of ice was deposited on top of the last.

Onward and upward until the ice house was filled. Of course, during the winter most folks would store their perishables in a root cellar or simply in a snow bank by the back door. When the weather warmed, Braiden's ice wagon would start its daily rounds.

The wagon carried up to four tons of ice. Al and Wiley Lind were two of the icemen. They would deliver ice to those on their route or others who waved them down. The large blocks were chipped down to a size that would fit in the ice box (usually about 12 inches square) and the ice was delivered to the ice box.

The winter harvest of ice was the supply for the year. If the winter was average, three

harvests could be made in that year. If winter was mild, there was less ice harvested and people had to minimize their use.

Some years there were disasters that put the whole ice supply in jeopardy. One such year was 1903. On a hot June day passersby noticed smoke coming from the ice house.

The fire bell was sounded and the hose cart was pulled to the scene. Despite their best efforts, the fire fighters were unable to control the blaze. The ice house was completely destroyed and with it 500 tons of ice was lost, the total ice supply for the city for the rest of the year.

The ice house was rebuilt before the next harvest, but 1903 was a most difficult year.

In the 1920s, compressors and cooling systems had evolved and H.T. Harms invested \$25,000 into an ice house.

Mr. Harms could produce and store 16 tons of ice and if the supply ran low he could freeze more. This revolutionized the ice business and the quarry became obsolete.

In a few short years, compressors became small enough that the ice boxes were replaced with refrigerators.

After that, the Iceman Cometh no more.

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



Tom McDermott

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

How has the labor shortage impacted you as both a member of the workforce and as a consumer?

"More work on us to get alloy orders done. We're working 12-16-hour days hoping to get the order full."

Tyler Isham

"As a member of the workforce it's impacted me because consumers are frustrated over things I have no control over, but they take it out on me and my coworkers anyway. As a consumer it hasn't impacted me because I'm more empathetic because I understand their struggle. It's not a cashier/server/store associate's fault that the place they work is short staffed or short on inventory."

Chelsea Ewing

"As a consumer one has to check and see what hours and days restaurants are open. Also the deli departments at some stores are often closed on a random basis because of staff shortages. Fast food places are no longer "fast."

Pat Estes

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COMMUNITY

Rainwaters to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

ROCHELLE – Raymond and Brenda Rainwater will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Raymond Rainwater and Brenda Behrends were united in marriage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rochelle on Sept. 4, 1971. They have two adult children and three grandchildren. Their son, Jeff (Susan Ibarra), and Jill (husband, Troy O’Brien) live in Rochelle and

Oregon respectively.

They enjoy spending as much time as possible with their three grandsons, Tucker, Jake and William O’Brien and special “granddaughter,” Haylee. The loving couple are planning to celebrate with their children and grandchildren later this month.

Congratulations Mom and Dad! We all love you so very much!

Booster COVID-19 doses available to immunocompromised

OREGON – Ogle County residents can start called the Ogle County Health Department to schedule an appointment for their booster shots for COVID-19 if they qualify, a Thursday press release said.

Appointments are being taken for either the Rochelle or Oregon offices.

Booster/third dose



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shots are currently available to those who are moderately to severely

immunocompromised.

Those eligible include people who are receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood, received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system, received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune

system, have moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome), have advanced or untreated HIV infection or are in active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

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Aug. 20 – (Friday) – Friday Fish Fry!! Cod Fillets, French Fries, Coleslaw

Aug. 24 – (Tuesday) – Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Potstickers, Egg Rolls

Aug. 26 – (Thursday) – Chicken over Waffles with Coleslaw

Aug. 31 – (Tuesday) – Lasagna – Beef, Salad and Garlic Bread

Sept. 5 – (Sunday Brunch) – Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Pancakes, Ham and

Cheese Breakfast Casserole

KIDS MENU: Chicken Nuggets w/Fries

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Coffee Break

King Crossword

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14 DeGeneres of talk TV

15 Einstein's birthplace

16 Everybody

18 As well

19 Orange variety

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23 Mimicked

27 Billboards

29 Chipmunk's kin

31 "That's it!"

34 The Ram

35 Chaperones, usually

37 Ring decision

38 Vanished

39 Pot brew

41 Tree home

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10 Actor Gibson

11 NBC show since 1975

17 Awestruck

21 National symbol

23 Chef's garb

24 Greek consonant

25 Shoe width

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30 Sturdy tree

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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: **W** equals **R**

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answer

King Crossword

conundrum.

mineral. It's a conundrum

to do with this very hard

I really have no idea what

answer

CryptoQuip

LOCAL NEWS



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

RTHS athletic director Rich Harvey (left) speaks during the Todd Smith tree dedication ceremony Friday evening. Smith, who owned Hub Sports Photography and was inducted into the RTHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017, passed away in December 2020. Smith also served as president of the RTHS Athletic Booster Club.

SMITH: ‘He was the ultimate Hub’

From page 1

He cared about being a Hub. His contributions helped our school grow and our kids grow.”

RTHS Principal Chris Lewis said he knew Smith for almost 20 years. He said Smith loved being around the kids and brought awareness to high school football in northern Illinois, being

ahead of the social media curve.

Everyone in the northern Illinois football community knew Smith, and he knew every score. Lewis said Smith’s fondest years were when he was able to watch his son, Cole, play RTHS football.

“He was the ultimate Hub,” Lewis said. “The four years he was here with his son and out there

watching the games, those were some of the four greatest years of his life. That’s what I’ll remember most about Todd. He couldn’t talk enough about his son and how proud he was.”

Ben Harvey was the first recipient of the Todd Smith Booster Club Scholarship at RTHS. He spoke to the current RTHS players that won’t

get to meet Smith.

“I’ve known Todd for 15 years,” Harvey said. “I remember every time I saw him as a kid I felt comfortable. He was always smiling. I’m sorry you guys won’t have the chance to get to know him. He was passionate about everything he did. Every picture he took. You could see that through his work and

throughout his entire life. He was always happy.”

Rich Harvey said Smith’s legacy will always live in the community and he’ll drive by the tree every day to remember him. The two words he described Smith by were selfless and genuine.

Smith’s brother, Tom, was in attendance for the dedication and spoke about the legacy his

brother left behind.

“He was always giving what he had to the next generation,” Tom Smith said. “That was Todd. All we have is memories. You go into that school, pictures are memories. That is his legacy.”

“He always got a picture when you didn’t know he was getting a picture. That was what he was good at.”

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SPORTS



VFW PIZZA PARTY

VFW Post 3878 held a pizza party for the Rochelle Little League city champions.

See page 3 for more details

Rochelle Junior Tackle

Junior Hubs return home

Rochelle teams combine for three victories against Princeton

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Junior Tackle program hosted Princeton on Saturday, with the Junior Hubs finishing 3-1 over four games. The eighth-graders fell 14-8 while the seventh-graders emerged victorious 30-6. The sixth-graders defeated Princeton 34-0 and the fifth-graders won 30-0. Rochelle will have a bye week before facing Stillman Valley at home on Saturday, Sept. 4.

8th Grade (1-1)

Roman Villalobos started the Junior Hub offense with a 15-yard run in the first quarter. Brode Metzger followed with 21-yard rush and a 12-yard rush of his own. Trailing 6-0, Rochelle took the lead in the second quarter, when Metzger intercepted a Princeton pass and returned the ball 70 yards for a touchdown. The Junior Hubs held an 8-6 lead over Princeton at halftime.

Gavin Neale paced the Rochelle offense with a 10-yard run and a 15-yard run in the fourth quarter. Princeton scored its second touchdown late in the fourth quarter to win the game. Neale finished with



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Brode Metzger stiff arms a defender during the Rochelle Junior Tackle eighth-grade football team's matchup against Princeton on Saturday.

59 rushing yards, while Villalobos added 38 yards on the ground. Metzger totaled a team-leading four tackles, while Van Gerber and Markell Pogue each added three tackles in the game. The eighth-graders fell to 1-1 on the season with the loss.

7th Grade (2-0)

Dylan Manning exploded for two first-quarter

touchdown runs, scoring on a 62-yard rush in the before adding a 55-yard touchdown run soon after. After Brody Bruns found Manning for a 17-yard pass play, Jonathan Andrist surged down the field for a 61-yard rushing touchdown. The Junior Hubs led 22-0 after the first quarter, which included a 52-yard run from Bruns.

Andrist scored his sec-

ond touchdown of the game in the second quarter, breaking loose for a 40-yard rush to the end zone. Joshua Lasiter stepped up on defense for Rochelle, returning an interception 32 yards in the second quarter to put the Junior Hubs in scoring position again. Manning led Rochelle with 149 rushing yards.

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(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Dylan Manning carries the ball for the Rochelle Junior Tackle seventh-grade football team.

RTHS Volleyball

Lady Hubs defeat Raiders in season opener

Rochelle spikers start strong to beat Ashton-Franklin Center 25-11, 25-13

ROCHELLE — Lady Hub senior Sylvia Hasz had been waiting all summer to start her final high school season with the Rochelle varsity volleyball team. The two-time Interstate 8 First Team player returned to the floor in a big way on Tuesday, leading Rochelle with nine kills as the Lady Hubs took down Ashton-Franklin Center 25-11, 25-13 to start the season with a 1-0 record.

Although Rochelle had several new starters in the varsity lineup, the Lady Hubs opened the match with tempo and found their rhythm early, exploding for a 7-1 run in the first set. Junior Macy Ramos paced the Lady Hubs on the serve, while Hasz netted multiple kill shots to force the Raiders into an early timeout. Freshman hitter Taelynn Rodeghero stepped up with three aces soon after, extending Rochelle's lead to 17-8 and forcing another A-FC timeout.

"I've wanted to play so bad and I want to leave everything out there because it's my senior season," Hasz said.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Players on the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity volleyball team celebrate a point during the team's home victory against Ashton-Franklin Center on Tuesday. The Lady Hubs will return to the court with a road match against Dixon on Thursday.

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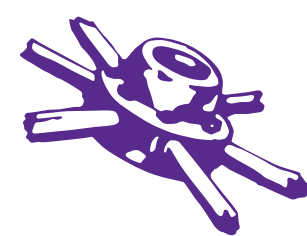
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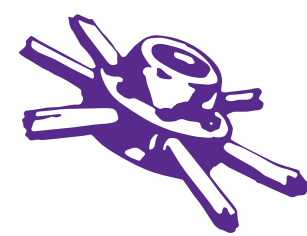
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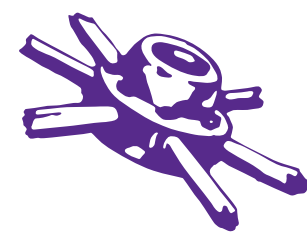


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Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being with my teammates and having a place where I can let out my anger. I also enjoy meeting people and making new friends.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: P.E. because I enjoy working out.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Michael Jordan because he

had a great mind set and a lot of people look up to him.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: To be an athletic trainer so I can work on the sidelines.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: A beach in Florida so I can watch the sunset over the water.

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

A: I love the coaches. They're very helpful and they help me grow as an athlete.

Dalton

Merriman

Year: Freshman

Sport: Football



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

A: Five years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about this sport?

A: Being with my team.

Q: What is your favorite school subject and why?

A: Math because I've been doing really well in it.

Q: Who is your favorite athlete and why?

A: Aaron Rodgers.

Q: Who is your biggest role model and why?

A: My mom because she's been there for me my whole life.

Q: What is your dream job and why?

A: Playing in the NFL because I really like playing football.

Q: Where would your dream vacation be and why?

A: Las Vegas so I can visit the casinos.

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

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SPORTS

RJT: Junior Tackle teams finish 3-1 against Princeton

From page 1

Andrist finished with 101 yards on the ground. Warren Schweitzer recorded 7.5 tackles and Bruns ended the win with seven tackles.

6th Grade (2-0)

Bo Lundquist proved unstoppable for Rochelle, totaling four touchdowns including a 65-yard rushing score in the first quarter. On the next Junior Hub drive, Cohen Haedt connected with Holden Liebhauer on a 24-yard pass before Lundquist punched in a 9-yard rushing score.

Lundquist extended Rochelle's 16-0 lead in the second quarter, finding the end zone on a 38-yard rushing touchdown before following with a 39-yard rushing touchdown on the next drive. Leading 28-0 at halftime, Rochelle sealed its victory with a 24-yard touchdown pass from Haedt to Liebhauer. Zachary Johnson chipped in an 11-yard rush in the fourth quarter.

Lundquist led the Junior Hubs with 154 rushing yards in the win. Dominick Joyce and Elijah Schweitzer each had 5.5 tackles, while Tyson Pav-



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Holden Liebhauer hauls in a reception between two defenders for the Rochelle Junior Tackle sixth-grade football team on Saturday.

lak added two tackles in the victory.

5th Grade (2-0)

Braxton Bruns scored all four Rochelle touchdowns in the win. Bruns bounced outside for 65-yard rushing touchdown

in the first quarter before adding a 53-yard rushing touchdown with the Junior Hubs leading 8-0. Bruns scored on a 51-yard rush in the second quarter and a 35-yard rush in the third quarter to seal the Rochelle win. Joey Chadwick

chipped in a 25-yard run.

Bruns led Rochelle with 228 rushing yards in the victory, while Joey Chadwick finished with 31 yards rushing. Bruns recorded 8.5 tackles and Mikey Chadwick added three tackles in the win.



(PHOTO BY ROBIN RETHWILL)

Joey Chadwick rushes for the Rochelle Junior Tackle fifth-grade football team.



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VFW hosts pizza party for Rochelle Little League champs

On July 13, Floyd J. Tilton VFW Post 3878 hosted the Rochelle Little League Major League Baseball City Champion VFW Team for a pizza party to celebrate their victory. Pictured in the front row from left to right are coach Tommy Tourdot, Kasin Avila, Ryley Ginn, Connor Lewis, Elijah Good and Brock Heller. Pictured in the back row are Post Commander Bill Bumgarner, Josh Lassiter, Jonathan Andrist, Jr. Vice Commander Guy Bays, Kolton Cragin, Bobby Tourdot and Coach Joe Tourdot. Teammates missing from the event were Tyler Gensler, Tyson Pavlak, coach Jim Gensler and coach Chris Lewis.

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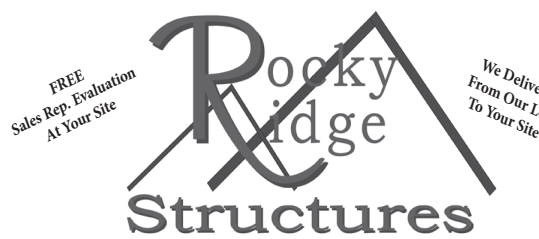
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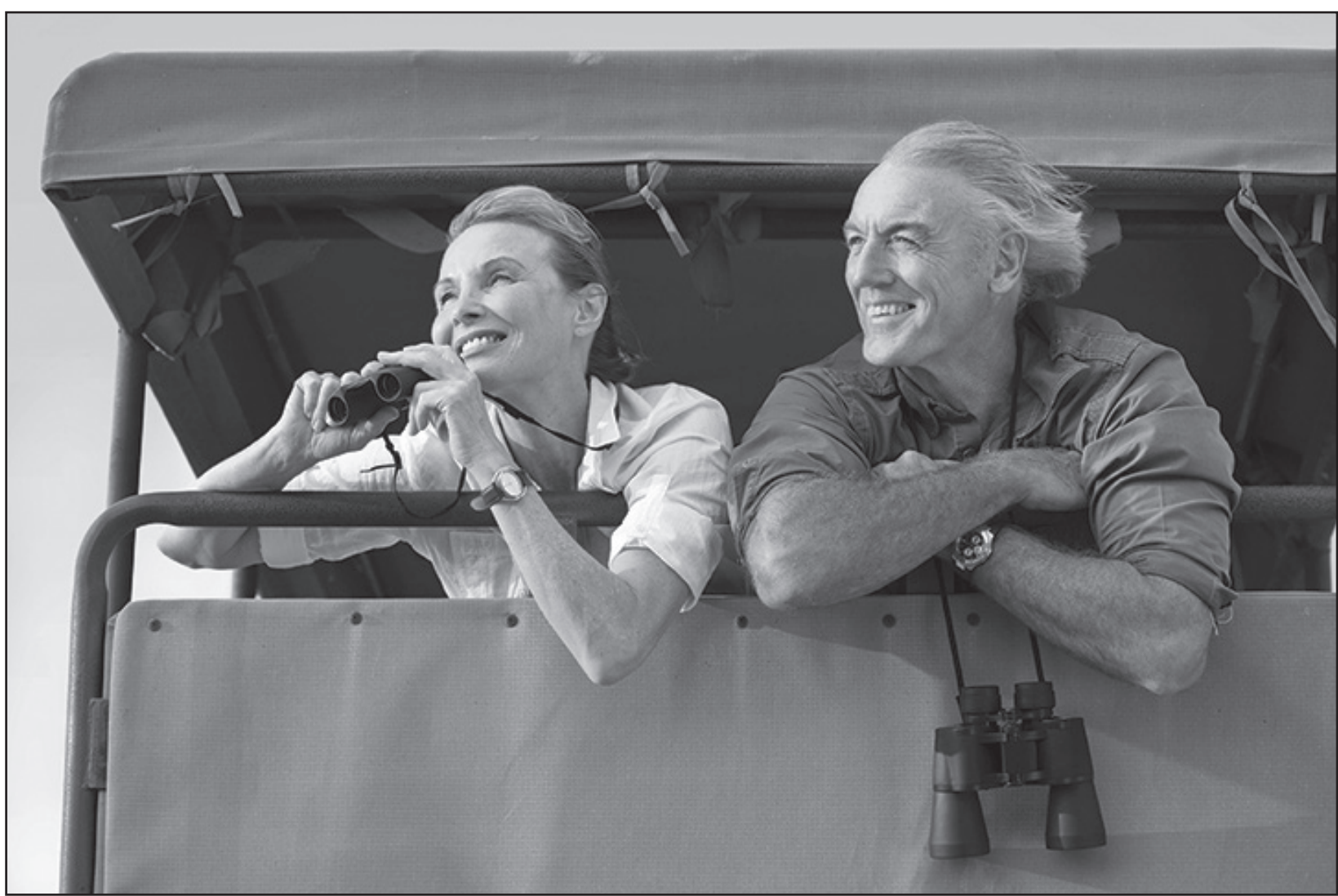
PRIME TIME

Holiday gifts for retirees wanting to travel

RETIREMENT provides a chance for adults who have worked throughout their lives to take a step back, relax and enjoy the fruits of their labors. Though the most indelible image associated with retirement might once have been a rocking chair, modern retirees like to get up and go, and holiday shoppers can take that joie de vivre into consideration as they look for the perfect gift for retirees who can't wait to fly the friendly skies or hit the open road.

Maps: It might seem simple, but roadmaps can be an ideal gift for retirees. A recent poll from RBC Wealth Management found that 63 percent of Americans age 50 and older say travel is an important retirement goal. Roadmaps of their own country or a foreign country can help seniors plan their dream vacations. Seniors can study maps and create their own routes as they visit popular tourist attractions and find lesser known locales along the way.

Vouchers/gift cards: Airline vouchers can inspire retirees to take to the skies and visit locales that have long taken up real estate on their bucket lists. If seniors prefer to take to the open road, hotel vouchers or Visa gift cards that can be spent



anywhere that accepts credit cards can help pay for gas, meals or entry to popular parks and tourist attractions.

Projector and portable screen: Retirees may want to get away from it all, but that doesn't mean they have to leave everything behind. A projector and portable screen can let on-the-go seniors enjoy movie night under the stars

or watch their favorite teams even when they're far from home. This can be an especially good gift for retirees who are anxious to gas up their RV and leave home behind for a few weeks.

Lifetime pass to world-renowned parks: All United States citizens or permanent residents are eligible for the National Parks and Federal Recre-

ational Lands Senior Pass, which provides access to more than 2,000 recreation sites across the country. Those sites are managed by federal agencies like the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, among others. A similar system is in place in Canada, where adults

age 65 and up can gain unlimited admission for a full year to more than 80 Parks Canada locations across the country.

Tablet: Of course, retirees may still want to enjoy some of the comforts of home while they're off in parts unknown. A new tablet can help traveling retirees read the latest bestsellers and stay in touch with family and

friends via video conferencing apps like Zoom. Many campgrounds and hotels now provide free WiFi to guests, so a tablet can be just what on-the-go retirees need to stay connected to life back home.

Holiday shoppers can make the season bright for their favorite retirees who can't wait to spend their newfound free time traveling the world.

What fully vaccinated seniors should know about travel

THE efforts of researchers and public health officials in developing safe and successful COVID-19 vaccines was nothing short of historic. Vaccines typically take years to

develop, but a combination of factors enabled researchers to make COVID-19 vaccines available to vulnerable populations by December 2020, or roughly nine months after the World Health

Organization declared a global pandemic.

Researchers had already conducted years' worth of vaccine research on human coronaviruses, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes were first identified in the mid-1960s. That research proved invaluable as pharmaceutical companies raced to produce COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, a less linear approach to testing and vetting vaccines than was traditionally applied in past outbreaks enabled the vaccine to be rolled out more quickly, potentially saving millions of lives.

Men and women over the age of 65 were among the first groups to be given the COVID-19 vaccine. Many people within that group are retired and had looked forward to traveling, only to have those plans interrupted by the pandemic. Now that they're fully vac-

inated, seniors are setting their sights on travel once again. Though the COVID-19 vaccines have made vulnerable groups like seniors less likely to suffer severe illness from the virus, there's still a few things adults over 65 should know when making travel plans.

The virus

Data from the CDC indicated that more than 87 million people in the United States had been fully or partially vaccinated as of April 20, 2021. Among those, just 7,157 had become infected with COVID-19, and only 331 of those required hospitalization. That's an encouraging figure that illustrates just how effective the vaccines are at preventing infection and serious illness. Recognizing that efficacy may help calm any concerns fully vaccinated seniors have about traveling.

Restrictions

Though a significant portion of the eligible populations in the United States and Canada had been fully or partially vaccinated by mid-spring, overseas travel restrictions may still be in place. Some countries, such as India, continued to confront devastating waves of the virus and may not be allowing overseas visitors anytime soon.

In addition, in mid-spring the European Union was still devising a strategy to allow fully vaccinated foreign tourists to visit the continent. Proposals suggested such travel could be allowed by late June, but it's important that seniors learn of any potential restrictions before booking trips.

Attractions

When planning a trip, seniors may want to look for areas with plenty of outdoor attractions. The

CDC continues to recommend that people, even those who are fully vaccinated, gather outdoors, where the virus is less likely to be transmitted.

When traveling, seniors may be spending time around people who have not yet been vaccinated, and despite the efficacy of the vaccines, that might make some travelers nervous. So choosing locales with plenty of outdoor attractions can be a great way to quell any travel-related concerns seniors may have.

The remarkable achievements of researchers involved in developing COVID-19 vaccines has helped seniors return to something resembling normal life.

Seniors with their eyes on travel can safely book trips after doing some research about their destination and giving careful consideration to their comfort levels.



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On or about September 2, 2021 the City of Rochelle will submit a request to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the release of CDBG funds under Title/Section I] of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C/5301 et seq.), to undertake a project known as the Northeast Rochelle Target Area Sewer Lining for the purpose of installing cured-in-place liners in the deteriorated existing sanitary sewers on Lincoln Highway, N. Main Street, N. 3rd Street, N. 2nd Street, Meadow Lane, McConaughy Avenue, and IL Rte. 38 in the Northeast Rochelle target area. The estimated total project cost is \$620,260 with \$550,000 provided by State CDBG funds and the remainder, estimated to be \$70,260, provided by the City of Rochelle.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Rochelle, 420

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PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Rochelle at Rochelle City Hall, 420 N. 6th St., Rochelle, IL 61068. All comments received by the City of Rochelle prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The City of Rochelle certifies to DCEO that John Bearrows in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCEO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Rochelle to use Program funds.

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SPORTS



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Cassandra Garcia (left) digs the ball during Rochelle's varsity volleyball match against Ashton-Franklin Center on Tuesday. Freshman Taelynn Rodeghero (right) recorded three aces in the match.

GIRLS: Lady Hubs beat A-FC in season opener

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"It felt great being out there. It was the first time playing varsity volleyball for a lot of my teammates, but I thought they did really well and we were able to create momentum early in the match. As one of the only seniors, I feel like I have to be a more vocal leader and be more talkative on the court. I need to keep everyone together and moving."

Junior Payton Hale, one of the varsity team's few returning starters, scored two quick aces in the sec-

ond set to give the Lady Hubs an early lead. A kill from Rodeghero from the right side helped Rochelle gain a 10-6 advantage before junior Addie Friestad swung for two kills on the outside to make it a 13-8 set. Leading 18-12 in the second set, Rochelle closed out its season-opening victory with a 7-1 run that culminated in a service ace from junior Isela Vasquez.

Vasquez paced the Lady Hub offense with seven assists, while Hale and Rodeghero each finished with three aces. Friestad had four kills for the Lady

Hubs, who face Dixon on the road Thursday at 6 p.m. Hale and Hasz combined for five assists in the win over the Raiders.

"We have to put our all out there in every set," Hasz said. "We know we can play well if we give it our all and we don't hesitate or second-guess ourselves. We definitely have some high IQ hitters, but we need to work more on our first touches and our passing. I know those are things we can improve on during practice and we can continue to get better in those areas."

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:

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- 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

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