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South side car wash demolished

Kwik Trip planning to turn site into parking lot

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Hub City South Car Wash at 1006 S. 7th St. in Rochelle was demolished on Wednesday, July 7.

Dave Hoffman, owner of the Hub City North Car Wash and the Creston Car Wash, leased the property and operated the south side car wash until the end of May and watched it come down during the demolition.

"It wasn't like I lost my last loved one, but I had it for 15 years," Hoffman said. "I had to buy the north side one and that one both at the same time. I never owned it, that's why I never really updated it. In a way I'm glad it's done and over with. I will miss the customers. The north side one has been really busy now."

Hoffman said he's in the process of downsizing and also plans to sell the Creston location.

When the Stop and Go station on the south side next to the car wash sold



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The Hub City Car Wash at 1006 S. 7th St. in Rochelle was demolished on Wednesday, July 7. Owner Dave Hoffman said Kwik Trip considered having a car wash of their own at the location, but decided against it and plans to turn the site into a parking lot for semitrucks.

to Kwik Trip, Hoffman said the new business in town approached him in October

of last year about buying out his lease. And they did. Hoffman said Kwik

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against it and it plans to turn the site into a parking lot for semitrucks.

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Hot Dog Day in
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Several local businesses celebrated the 34th Annual Hot Dog Day over the weekend. **Page 3**

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Charging stations downtown

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities announced the addition of two electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown parking lots in the 400 Block of North Main Street in a press release Friday.

"The new chargers are just another way RMU is embracing new technology and acting as a leader in the utility industry," Blake Toliver, RMU superintendent of electric operations, said in the release.

The charging stations were installed at a cost of \$20,000, funded by the electric department. The charge to use the stations will range from \$1-\$5 per hour. The chargers are universal and will connect with any make of electric vehicle.

"Kudos to our electric department for having the foresight to plan for the charging stations while the lot was under construction," Rochelle City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said in the press release. "Visitors to our community have the perfect place to charge vehicles while they visit our downtown shops and restaurants."



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

The City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities announced the addition of two electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown parking lots in the 400 Block of North Main Street. The stations were installed at a cost of \$20,000.



Rochelle PD
investigating
incident

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Police Department is investigating a home invasion incident that occurred at the 300 block of Irene Avenue in Rochelle on Saturday afternoon.

A female victim told Rochelle Police that another female had attempted to break into her apartment Saturday afternoon. The victim also told Rochelle Police that the other female allegedly threatened to stab her with a knife.

The two women allegedly had an argument amongst each other prior to the incident. The suspect did not enter the apartment and the incident remains under investigation. No injuries were reported and no arrests have been made at this time.

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LOCAL NEWS

City Council approves agreements with Creston

Ordinance authorizing up to \$18 million in electric bonds also approved

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Rochelle City Council members approved multiple agreements with the Village of Creston on Monday. The agreements, which were also approved during the Creston village board meeting last week, would result in the Rochelle Landfill closing on or near Dec. 31, 2040.

The agreement is conditioned upon the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency granting a final and non-appealable order to eliminate the need to exhume Cell 1 of the landfill. Both the City of Rochelle and the Village of Creston engaged an expert to review the need for exhumation and found there is currently no leakage from the landfill and exhumation would not be needed.

"I'm so proud of the way this whole thing has come together," Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows said. "This required cooperation from a lot of people and they should all be commended. We have to work together. Whether we live in Creston or Rochelle, we're all a part of one community... I think this is a great representation of communities working together."

If the need to exhume is eliminated, Rochelle will not have to expend \$850,000 for its portion of the exhumation costs. The agreement would also eliminate the city's respon-

sibility to pay \$750,000 towards the Mulford Road improvements. Lastly, the operator will make a payment of \$1.46 million to the city and a donation of \$40,000 to the Rochelle Area Community Foundation.

The second of three agreements approved at the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday evening involves an intergovernmental agreement between the two municipalities that ensures that both take the necessary steps to bring the landfill deal to fruition. The third agreement involves jurisdictional boundary lines. Under the third agreement, Rochelle will have the land west of Mulford Road and Creston will have land east of Mulford Road. The section of land between Interstate 39 and Mulford Road will become a shared revenue district.

"We've spent the last year negotiating this and I was approached before the pandemic began," City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said. "I think it's a good agreement for both communities and we want to be a partner with Creston going forward... We have boundary agreements with Steward and Hillcrest, so I think it makes sense for us to have a boundary agreement with Creston also."

For the recently-built Pilot Travel Center at 1201 E. Illinois Route 38, Rochelle will pay Creston \$500,000 after the city has been reimbursed for the amount of its infrastructure



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)
Creston Village Attorney Dave Tess approaches the Rochelle City Council during its meeting at Rochelle City Hall on Monday. Council members voted to approve multiple agreements with the Village of Creston that would set boundary lines and close the Rochelle Landfill on or before Dec. 31, 2040.

costs from all revenue derived from the plaza no later than five years after the agreement.

Creston will get 25 percent of the tax revenues going forward in the shared revenue district. Rochelle City Council members approved the initial agreement with a 6-1 vote, with Councilman Bil Hayes dissenting.

Electric bonds

Rochelle City Council members approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$18 million in Electric Revenue Bonds or General Obligation Bonds to fund infrastructural improvements to the city's electric system. Fiegenschuh said the city plans

to use the bond funding to begin several infrastructure projects over the next few years including a new substation on the west side of the city, rebuilding older power lines and street light conversions.

"Our electric utility continues to grow," Fiegenschuh said. "We've had significant load growth and without constructing a substation on the west side of town, we won't be able to provide power out there in the near future. We're sitting well financially, there are a lot of projects we could fund with this and with interest rates where they are, it doesn't make sense to deplete our reserves."

Jackpot

Rochelle City Council members approved a redevelopment agreement with 1600 Ritchie Court LLC, also known as Project Jackpot, which plans to develop the east Nippon Sharyo building to serve its manufacturing needs. Several upgrades will need to be made including a larger electric feeder cable, new manufacturing equipment and an upgraded substation.

Fiegenschuh said Rochelle Municipal Utilities will install two 34.5 kilovolt transformers, which will serve Project Jackpot and other electric customers on the south side of Rochelle. The substation upgrade and reimbursements to Project Jackpot will cost \$5.1 million and

will be recovered over the term of the redevelopment agreement. Fiegenschuh said Project Jackpot will have to purchase its electricity exclusively through RMU for a period of up to eight years.

Other items

Rochelle City Council members approved an ordinance continuing the suspension of late fees through August 2022. The city first began waiving late fees in March 2020 due to COVID-19.

Council members also approved an agreement with Cultivate Geospatial Solutions LLC for GIS Locating Services as well as the creation of a GIS manager position with the city. The position will pay an \$80,000 salary and the three-year contract with Cultivate Geospatial Solutions LLC will cost \$150,000 annually.

Council members approved the preliminary and final plat of subdivision for 101 Cherry Ave. as well as 144 4th Ave. and an ordinance granting variance related to setbacks.

Council members concluded the meeting with an approval of a redevelopment agreement with Glenwood Equities LLC for potentially two retail locations on East Flagg Road west of Illinois Route 251 in Rochelle. The development will require an upgrade to the sewer, water and electrical services. The cost of the agreement will not exceed \$180,000.

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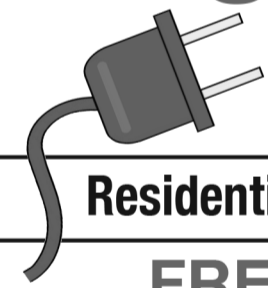
Local businesses celebrate 34th Annual Hot Dog Day in Rochelle

(PHOTOS BY TIFFINY SMITH & JOHN SHANK)

The 34th Annual Hot Dog Day celebration took place in Rochelle on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several local businesses including Ace Hardware of Rochelle, O'Reilly Auto Parts, 926 Custom Embroidery, Flagg-Township Museum, Jeff Perry Auto, Hub City Car Wash, All Things/ALM Cabinets, Kenny's Place, New Life Church, Prescott Brothers Ford and Silgan Containers offered free hot dogs to residents. The Rochelle News-Leader would like to thank all of the sponsors of this year's Hot Dog Day event as well as Rochelle Foods, Walmart, Del Monte Foods and Aldi for the hot dogs, hot dog buns, ketchup and mustard.

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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

Iva Underwood

BETHEL SPRINGS, Tenn. — Iva Sharon Wilson Underwood, age 82, of Bethel Springs, Tennessee and formerly of Compton, passed away Thursday morning July 8, 2021 at her home.

She was born Feb. 27, 1939 in Compton, the daughter of the late Willard Edward and Maye Minnie Gerbers Wilson. She grew up in Compton and married Gerene Underwood on Aug. 25, 1956. They made their home at Compton and she worked at Caron International, a textile factory in Rochelle for many years. They moved to Bethel Springs about 20 years ago.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and raising flowers and, also, was a bird lover, especially hummingbirds. She was a Methodist in belief.

Mrs. Underwood is survived by three daughters, Laura Ysco of Compton, Lois Rorah (Donald) of Lakeland, Florida and Kathy Shorter (Edward) of Bethel Springs; nine



grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gerene Underwood on Jan. 24, 2021, a brother, Dale Wilson and two sisters, Fern Eggers and Faye Johnson.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Torman Funeral Home, 510 Flagg St. in Paw Paw.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Melugin Cemetery in Compton.

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

ROCKFORD — Thomas S. “Tom” Strawbridge died peacefully of natural causes Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020 at Amberwood Care Center in Rockford. The son of L. R. “Bud” Strawbridge and Isla (Whitsell) Strawbridge, Tom was born March 21, 1952 in DeKalb.

Tom attended grade school in Rochelle and high school in Oregon. He enlisted in the US Army on Nov. 9, 1969 and was

Tom Strawbridge

stationed at Kaiserslautern, Germany where he served as a supply clerk. He was honorably discharged in 1972. “Pops”, as he was known to his wide circle of friends, enjoyed a variety of jobs but identified most affectionately his years as a bartender, barber, insurance agent, car salesman, and restaurateur. He never met a stranger and relished his connections with people.

Surviving are his son, Christopher “Kit” (Julie)

Strawbridge of High Point, North Carolina; grandsons, Joshua (Alex) Burcham and Jarred (Kenzie) Burcham and great-granddaughter, Averie. Also, surviving are sisters Linda R. Daub of Chana, Donna (Tom) Heid of Cape Haze, Florida and Aunt Marjorie (Strawbridge) Gregory of Cottonwood, Arizona as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends who cared. Tom was preceded in death

by his parents; brother-in-law, Darrell Daub; niece, Angela Daub-Bergstrom and significant other, Debra Matheny.

At Tom’s wishes, cremation was accorded. A celebration of Tom’s life will be held at Castle Rock State Park in Oregon on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at noon. Anyone who has stories, pictures or laughs to share is welcome to come. Bring your own refreshments and a lawn chair.

Douglas W. Capaul

WINFIELD — Douglas W. Capaul, 73, formerly of Rochelle, passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Central Dupage Hospital.

Douglas Wayne Capaul entered this world on Jan. 20, 1948. He was the son of Jean (nee Patton) and Fred Capaul. Both preceded him in death. He had one brother,

Phillip, who also preceded him in death. The family resided in Polo, Illinois for many years.

Doug served in the United States Army from May 16, 1969 until Jan 23, 1972. He moved to Rochelle where he worked for a number of years for Caron International and then for

Northern Illinois University.

In his later years, he resided at Bethany Health Care in DeKalb. Doug was a very kind man. He will be greatly missed.

Cremation care was provided by the Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle. Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest



book.

Jeanette Haenitsch

ROCHELLE — Jeanette Mae Haenitsch passed away Saturday, June 26, 2021. Jeanette was born on Sept. 11, 1963 to Wesley and Jean Coan in Rochelle Hospital in Rochelle. On July 24,

1982, she married Ryan Haenitsch in Ashton at the Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 2009.

Jeanette is survived by her parents, two brothers, Wesley (Chris) of Flovil-

la, Georgia and William (Patricia) of Rockford; stepson, Jeremy (Laura) Haenitsch of Polo; grandson, Austin Haenitsch of Chana. Ray Patterson was her best friend and lived with her until the end.

A Celebration of Life will be at a later date. Cremation has been provided by Affordable Cremation & Funeral Service. Private family burial will be at a later date in Ashton Cemetery.

Rochelle Police Department

Two arrested for retail theft

ROCHELLE — On July 9, Rochelle Police cited Patrick B. Harvey, 42, Rochelle, for speeding 61 mph in a 30 mph zone. Harvey posted an I-bond and his court date is scheduled for Aug. 13.

On July 9, Rochelle Police cited Dorian K. Goff, 36, Houston, Texas, for speeding 62 mph in a 45 mph zone. Goff posted

an I-bond and his court date is scheduled for Aug. 13.

On July 9, Rochelle Police cited Juan Garcia, 21, Rochelle, for no valid driver’s license. Garcia posted an I-bond and his court date is scheduled for Aug. 13.

On July 9, Rochelle Police arrested Mecca Muhammad, 45, Rochelle, for retail theft.

On July 10, Rochelle Police cited DeeDee S. Delgado, 24, DeKalb, for speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph zone. Delgado posted a personal bond and her court date is scheduled for

Aug. 13.

On July 11, Rochelle Police arrested Connie S. Clark, 57, Stillman Valley, for retail theft. Clark posted an I-bond and her court date is scheduled for Aug. 13.

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LOCAL NEWS



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District received a \$50,000 donation from Karen & Spencer Hayden. The money was used toward the purchase and installation of the climber at the front of the REC Center.

Park district receives donation

ROCHELLE — Karen & Spencer Hayden have always been dedicated to the growth and development of Rochelle. As early supporters of the effort to bring a com-

munity recreation center to Rochelle, Karen & Spencer donated \$50,000 to the Rochelle Park District. These funds were allocated towards the purchase and installation

of the climber at the front of The REC Center.

The playground adds outdoor recreation to the facility, rounding out the recreational opportunities available for our youth.

Rochelle is blessed to have families like Karen & Spencer Hayden and the Rochelle Park District appreciates their generosity and continuing support.

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egon location - 815-732-7340.

Snyder's Pharmacy Byron location - 815-234-5466.

COVID vaccines are also available through the Ogle County Health De-

partment - 815-562-6976. Please call to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at either Rochelle or Oregon location.



Ogle County COVID-19 Weekly Update As of Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Ogle County COVID-19 Statistics

Positivity Rate as of July 9th is **0.8%**
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Total FULLY Vaccinated: **21,552**
Pct. FULLY Vaccinated: **42.32%**

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Ogle County Health Department

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Rochelle Community Hospital

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LOCAL VIEWS

Guest column

Summer is fun at the library

SUMMER time is one of my favorite seasons at the library.

The library staff enjoys helping all of our patrons and seeing what everyone is enjoying for their summer reads. Summer is not only a great time to catch up on reading, but it has been proven that keeping up with reading during the summer prevents what the experts call “the summer slide.”

While usually this pertains to children and their skills, the same can be true for adults. In young people, learning losses are experienced when they don’t engage in educational activities during the summer.

Students who read through the summer score higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the school year than those who did not read.

An easy and fun way to prevent this summer slide is to participate in our summer reading program. Our summer reading program is virtual again this year using a program called READsquared.

We will not be meeting in the library for programming, but we still want everyone reading and learning. This program is open to children and adults. Register for your READsquared account and keep track of everything that you are reading. Signup at <http://flaggrochelle.readsquared.com>. Our program, “Reading Colors Your World” runs from now until Aug. 14.

Now, for more library history. Our library, as most others of the day, circulated mostly books and then added periodicals to the collection. To check out, the patron would sign their name on a card inside the book and a due date was

stamped on a slip inside the book.

When I first started working at the library, the majority of checkouts were books, magazines, and some media. If you wanted to checkout a library book, you brought your card to the librarian’s desk and she put the card in a Gaylord stamp machine.

These old machines made a clunking sound as they bit into the checkout card and stamped your library card number onto the card. We put a green due date card in the book and your checkout was complete.

Many of our long-time patrons can remember the familiar “ka-chunk” sound of that old machine. As there were different circulation periods for different items, the library staff was careful to change the circulation times before stamping the checkout card.

As time has progressed, we have broadened our horizons. With the use of the computerized catalog, e-books, faster inter-library loan services and streaming music and movies, our patrons have access to diverse collections of materials.

Our current library cards are barcoded and a simple scan can check materials out as well as enable the patron to download e-books, audio books and movies electronically.

I often wonder what Minnie Simons, the librarian when our building was built in 1912, would say seeing the many changes that have happened over the last 100 years. One thing has not changed; reading is still our focus. We love Rochelle Readers.

Sarah Flanagan is the Flagg-Rochelle Public Library Director.

That’s entertainment

THEATER in the Hub City has been a source of pride for over 140 years. Starting on the 4th of July in 1878 the Bain Opera House (323 Lincoln Highway) held its first performance with “The Madrigal Club of Chicago.”

For the next 35 years the Opera House featured everything from nationally-recognized troupes to local talent. In 1908, Earl Chapin May, renowned local writer, wrote and directed a historical play about the famous race horse January at the Opera House.

The play included a live horse. Some say watching the troupe get the horse up and down the stairs to the second-floor theater was equally-entertaining as the play.

By the early 1900s, small theaters, better designed to show moving pictures, spelled the end of small town “opera houses.”

In Rochelle, the Princess Theater (424 Lincoln Highway) and the Majestic Theater (425 Lincoln Highway) went head to head for theater supremacy. Located directly across the street from each other, there was no hiding from the competition.

The Majestic featured everything from movies to replays of prize fights. But it wasn’t Max Schmeling vs. Paulino Uzcudun that settled the issue, it was sound.

In 1929, the Majestic presented the first talkie to play in Rochelle. “Desert Song” with Vitaphone played through speakers and the theater was packed to standing room. The Majestic won the battle. As crazy as it may seem, victory spelled the end for the Majestic.

Ben Berve, manager of the Majestic, could see the writing on the wall. Sound was the wave (get it, sound waves?) of the future. Talkies put people in the seats. Unfortunately, the Majestic was small and talkies were more expensive. A larger venue was needed.

Rochelle Community Theater Company formed and shares were sold to help finance a new theater for Rochelle. With a planned seating of almost 900, the envisioned Hub Theater construction had begun.

On Sept. 11, 1930, the doors were opened and the Hub Theater presented “Rain or Shine.” Reminiscent of the theaters of the past, the Hub Theater not only showed moving pictures, it featured live plays.

The theater was ever-evolving. In 1932, Max Schmeling fought Jack Sharkey, this fight included sound and action. Lester Capes married Francis Jeanguenat live at the Hub. In 1938, Bobby McLean presented a live ice-skating show in the Hub, yes actual ice skating in the Hub.



Tom McDermott

Tom Mix talked for the first time in “Destry Rides Again.” You could have won a prize if you guessed Tom’s first two words. “Hello Kids.”

Incidentally, talkies were the downfall of Tom Mix. A bullet to the throat and repeated broken noses over the years took a toll on his voice. He had a face for radio and a voice for silent movies.

“Aladdin’s Arabian Nights Spiritualistic Séance and Ghost Show” in 1934 made believers of many. But like the opera houses before it, even the Hub was vulnerable to progress.

Multiplexes opened offering multiple choices. Newer theaters had better seats, better sound, better options and everything was clean.

Many tried to save the Hub but it was not financially viable. Today the Hub is a distillery offering its own kind of entertainment.

Today, theater still exists in Rochelle. Much like days of old it is local talent that provides the best in entertainment. Started in 1981, the Vince Carney Community Theater (VCCT) provides humor, drama and mystery. The new Lincoln Arts Center at 103 S. Main St. is getting ready to fully open. Do yourself and your family a favor and attend a VCCT show. Now that’s entertainment.

Tom McDermott is a historian for the Flagg Township Museum and a Rochelle City Councilman.

VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:
In honor of National French Fry Day Tuesday, what is your favorite type/brand of French fry?

“I miss Sully’s fries! Those were my absolute favorite!”

Kimberly Rains

“Hands down, Red Robin steak fries.”

Jimmy Rot

“In Rochelle, my daughter says Country School.”

Sara Osborne

“CFA Waffle Fries.”

Denis Rewerts

“Country School.”

Kim Kelly Knight



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COMMUNITY

Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2021 graduates

MALTA—Kishwaukee College recently announced its graduates for spring 2021. Graduation Honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

Summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0, magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749, and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499.

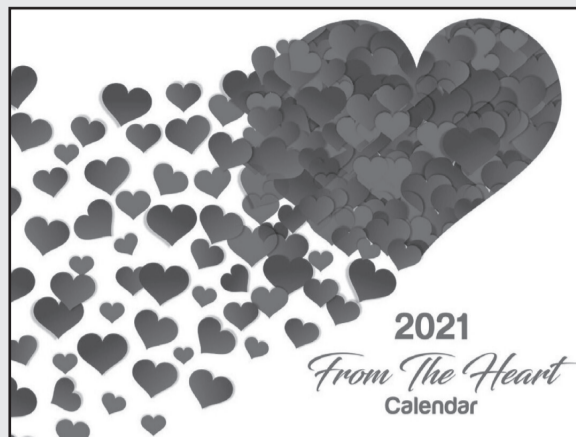
Students who fulfill requirements for a certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a certificate with distinction. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are designated as PTK.

The graduate total for the semester is 273 students who completed a total of 290 degrees and certificates for spring 2021.

Rochelle: Katelyn H. Ackland, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude, PTK; Ana Lupe Angeles, Associate in Science; Marissa Isabelle Belmonte, Associate in Arts; Amber Joy Boehm, Associate in Arts; Brandon James Byrd, Associate in Arts; Michael Castellanos, Associate in Arts; Tatianna J. Contreras, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting; Holly A. Crisp, Associate in Applied Science, Registered Nursing; David Leroy Echelbarger, CERT, Basic Automotive Technology; Judith Fulgencio, Associate in Arts, Summa Cum Laude, PTK; Jasmin Galvan, Associate in Arts; Emily Jaylin Garcia, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting, with Distinction; Marisol Garcia, Associate in Arts; Mariela Godina, Associate in Applied Science, Technology & Manufacturing; Autumn Rene' Headon, Associate in

Arts, Cum Laude; Lisset G. Hernandez, CERT, Social Role of Law Enforcement, Cum Laude; Anne Hickey, Associate in Applied Science, Registered Nursing; Melanie Daniela Higueros Lopez, Associate in Arts, Summa Cum Laude; Lizbeth Hueramo, Associate in Science; Casey Jay Hutchinson, CERT, Industrial Electricity, with Distinction; Salvador Ibarra, Associate in Applied Science, Computer-Aided Architectural Design, Associate in Applied Science, Computer-Aided Mechanical Design; Ellie M. Kinn, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting, with Distinction; Marina Lawrence, Associate in General Studies; Sean M. Lawrence, Associate in General Studies; Bibiana Yailin Milan, Associate in Applied Science, Registered Nursing, Magna Cum Laude; Jasmine Mondragon, Associate in Arts, Cum Laude; Brooke Taylor Myroth, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude; Zegan Danell Paul, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting, with Distinction; Mark B. Pearson, Associate in Science, Cum Laude; Sarah Jo Plyman, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude; Katelyn Allene Primrose, Associate in Science; Rylen Ramos, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting, with Distinction; Catalina Reyes, CERT, Basic Nurse Assisting; Tania Lizbeth Salazar, Associate in Applied Science, Registered Nursing; Hadeel Sbeih, Associate in Applied Science, Registered Nursing and Colen James Turner, Associate in Science, Cum Laude, Associate in Applied Science, Computer-Aided Mechanical Design

Creston: Tyler James Byro-Bullock, Associate in Engineering Science and Frantzcesca M. Vardman, Associate in Arts



- June 19 - Patricia Rodgers, Rockford, \$25
- June 20 - Cassie Cecil, Rochelle, \$500
- June 21 - Amy Hatfield, Rochelle, \$25
- June 22 - Jane Cassidy, Rochelle, \$25
- June 23 - Patricia Mahan, Illiopolis, \$25
- June 24 - Anne Aubry, Whitefish Bay, Wis., \$25
- June 25 - Spencer Hayden, Rochelle, \$25
- June 26 - Diane May, Volvo, \$25
- June 27 - Emily Shrimplin, West Brooklyn, \$50
- June 28 - Cheri McGee, Rochelle, \$25
- June 29 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
- June 30 - Tom Ellis, Steward, \$25
- July 1 - Colette Eckhardt, Rochelle, \$25
- July 2 - Peggy Nowicki, Madison, Wis., \$25
- July 3 - Johnson Tractor, Rochelle, \$25
- July 4 - Gabriela Ortiz, Rochelle, \$
- July 5 - Rotary, Rochelle, \$25
- July 6 - Rex Renner, Rochelle, \$25
- July 7 - Mungor - ClarkDietrich, Rochelle, \$25
- July 8 - Arlyn VanDyke, Rochelle, \$25
- July 9 - Don Stevens, Oregon, \$25
- July 10 - Mindy Venners, Rochelle, \$25
- July 11 - Robinson Scheider (ClarkDietrich), Rochelle, \$50
- July 12 - Steve's Complete Automotive, Rochelle, \$25
- July 13 - Tiffiny Smith, Rochelle, \$25
- July 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 14
Eli Jones
Peggy Messer
July 15
Seriana Carpenter
Julia Jackson
Courtney Jones
July 17
Carolyn Overstreet
July 19
Eric & Kati Johnson

July 20
Corey Lawrence
Zack Lawrence
Aaron Doering
Courtney South
July 21
Gavin Arnold
July 22
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July 24
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July 26
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THE KITCHEN TABLE MENU

July 15 (Thursday) - Beef Pot Roast with carrots, onion, potatoes, corn and cornbread

July 16 (Friday) - Take N Bake Day and Fish Fry Dinner - cod, French fries, coleslaw

July 20 (Tuesday) - Herbed chicken over spaghetti, roasted veggies, bread

July 22 (Thursday) - Stir Fry: chicken, carrots, celery, onions, broccoli, cauliflower over rice

July 27 (Tuesday) - Thanksgiving Dinner: Shredded turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, dinner rolls

July 29 (Thursday) - Pork medallions with roasted carrots and thyme potatoes

Aug. 1 (Sunday) - Brunch: Sausage gravy and biscuits, blueberry oatmeal, ham, egg and cheese sandwich

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.**

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Coffee Break

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Parking place

4 Toy block name

8 Narcissist's love

12 Bashful

13 Cameo shape

14 Russian river

15 Home

17 Wheels of fortune?

18 One of the Fab Four

19 Doze

20 Con games

22 Facebook action

24 Director Wertmuller

25 Tyrannize

29 Vichy water

30 Church key-board

31 Big D.C. lobby

32 Realm

34 Hertz rival

35 Swiss peaks

36 Justice Kagan

37 Waterlogged

40 Mideast airline

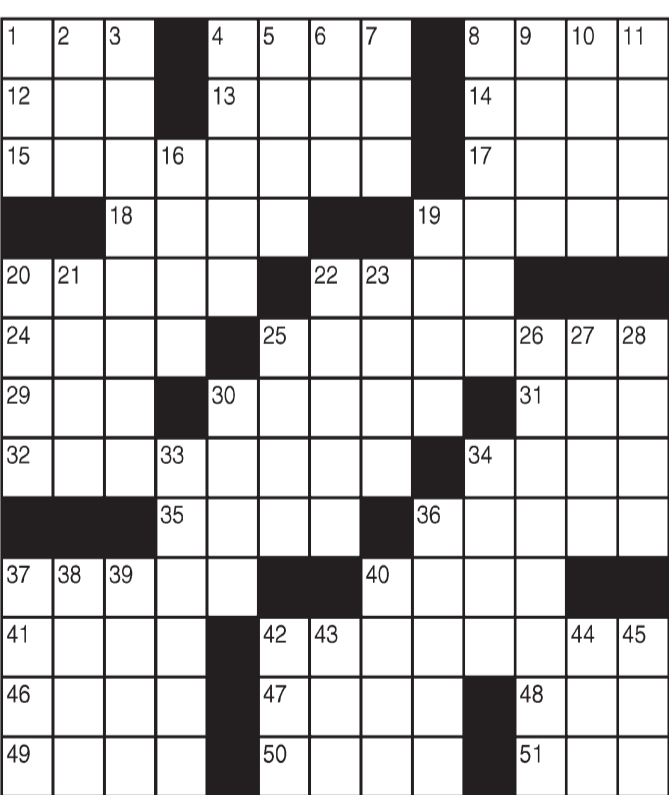
41 Say it's so

42 Rectangular game pieces

46 Painter Magritte

47 Regarding

48 Shell-game



item

49 Initial chip

50 Optimum

51 Stately tree

DOWN

1 Leary's drug

2 Discoverer's call

3 Ear membrane

4 Venue

5 Satan's forte

6 Lass

7 Flamenco cheer

8 Morose

9 Buffalo's lake

10 Hobbling

11 Broadway failure

16 "— Rock"

19 Epidermis

20 Rosebud, to Kane

21 Pisa farewell

22 Trademark symbols

23 One-named supermodel

25 Faucet problem

26 Letter holder

27 Ms.

28 Brockovich

Tabula —

30 Unique

33 "Amen to that!"

34 Actor Rickman

36 "Adam Bede" author

37 Poet Teasdale

38 Roasting spot

39 Bloke

40 911 responders

42 Wee dollop

43 Sugary suffix

44 Moray, for one

45 America's uncle

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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: **V** equals **H**

HG Z XDUGHXVUT XYVDRHMI
RZNVDRZNYHYHZM HX YVHUUT,
H XKSSJXD VD'X YJUC ZMC
YZUYKUZNHMI.

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3 4 9 5 7 6 2 1 8
8 7 2 3 9 1 5 6 4
1 9 5 8 4 1 2 7 3 6

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

CryptoQuip

If a selfishly scheming answer

mathematician is chilly,

I suppose he's cold and

calculating.

LOCAL NEWS

Local college students graduate from NIU

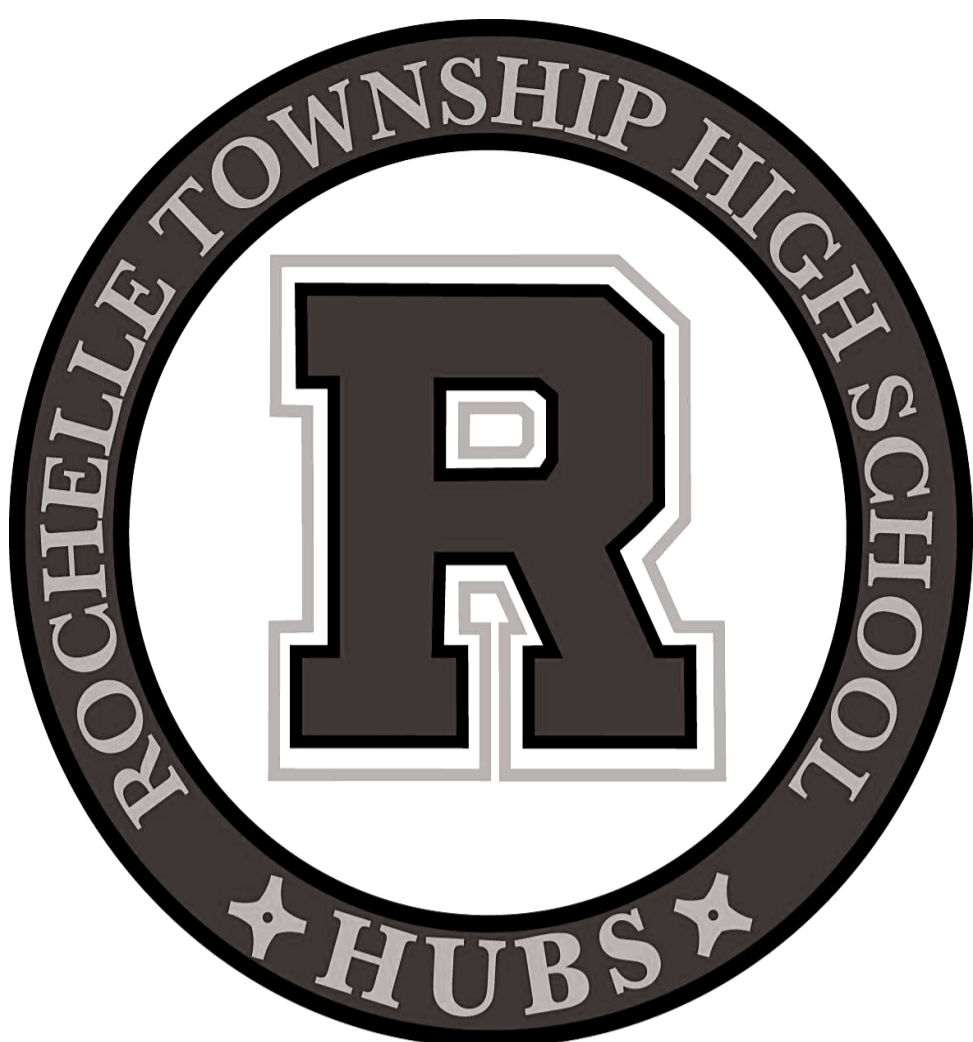
DEKALB — Over 2,400 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in June, including the following local students.

Rochelle: Danielle Arredondo, Master of Science, Rehabilitation Counseling; David Cartwright, Master of Science in Education, Curriculum and Instruction; Esdras Castillo, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Sarah Fischer, Bachelor of Arts, English; Morelia Garcia, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Elementary Education: Bilingual/ESL; Gabrielle Gonzales, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy; Maria Gujosa, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Jennifer Hartnett Thompson, Master of Public Admin, Public Administration-Local Government Management; Levi Hensley, Bachelor of Science, Engineering Technology-Manufacturing Engineering Technology; Alejandra Herrera, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Danielle Hughes, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy; Benjamin Johnson, Master of Public Admin, Public Administration-Local Government Management; Jamie Kenney, Master of Science in Education, Special Edu-



cation-Behavior Analysis; Ashlyn Kessen, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Elementary Education: Special Education; Nathan Keys, Master of Accounting Science, Accountancy; Max Kubale, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering; Edgar Lopez, Master of Business Admin, Business Administration MBA; Eucario Matos Sulbaran, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering; Carol McFarland McKee, Master of Science in Education, Higher Education and Student Affairs; Bryce Pappke, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering; Advanced Computing; Kyle Seebach, Bachelor

of Science, Computer Science - Computational Software; Kyle Seebach, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics - Probability & Statistics; Alyssa Stauch, Bachelor of Science, Hospitality and Tourism Management; Joell Tanner, Master of Accountancy, Accountancy; Jason Underwood, Master of Public Admin, Public Administration-Local Government Management and Vanessa Valenzuela, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences: General. Creston: Noah Allgeyer, Bachelor of Science, Athletic Training; Christina Payton, Bachelor of Science, Athletic Training.



2021 tatlers will be distributed in August

Order, personalize 2022 yearbook online

ROCHELLE — The tatler staff will work with Jostens to produce the 2022 Rochelle Township High School yearbook.

Software available through Jostens will allow tatler staff members to create copy and layouts as well as edit photos from computers outside the confines of the school's tatler offices.

Students and parents can order and customize their yearbooks from the website: www.jostens.com.

The cost of a 2022

RTHS tatler yearbook is \$50, although you can order upgrades as follows: add your name on the cover for \$7 or choose from 80 icons for the cover (your band instrument, sport, etc.). You can also add color autograph pages, photo pockets and a protective cover.

Parents may opt to purchase a senior ad with a photo and there is even a protection plan for \$8.99. The cost of a tatler and signature package is \$66.50, so go through the

order system and choose mindfully before you click purchase.

Dale Bergeson, RTHS tatler advisor, reminds you that the 2021 yearbook will be distributed in August.

Distribution will be later than usual, but the extra time has allowed his staff to include highlights from the summer sports season that COVID-19 necessitated.

Please watch the school's Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/rthshubs.

Lowden dinner scheduled Aug. 5

ROCHELLE — The Ogle County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Governor Lowden dinner on Thursday Aug. 5, 2021

at 6 p.m. The dinner will take place at Salt 251 in Rochelle.

The keynote speakers for the Lowden dinner will be the gubernatorial

candidates.

For ticket information contact Stacy Flanagan at stacyflanigan81@hotmail.com or 815-732-3774.

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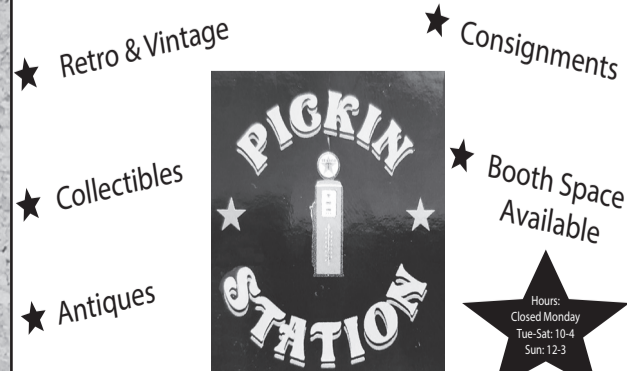
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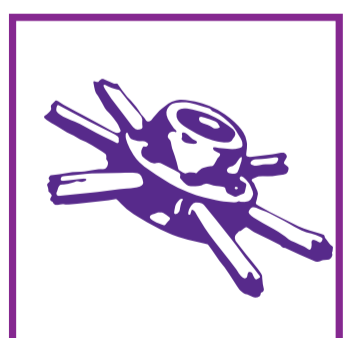


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Former Rochelle Township High School soccer standout Max Torres scored four goals and added one assist in his first season at Kishwaukee College.

Torres strikes fast in first collegiate season

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

FORMER Rochelle forward Max Torres finished his four-year high school soccer career with over 40 goals and 30 assists for the Hub varsity team. Torres has since taken his talents to Kishwaukee College, where the former Interstate 8 All-Conference First Team honoree collected four goals and added one assist during his freshman season with the Kougars.

Torres started seven games for Kishwaukee College during the 2020-21 season, which was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The RTHS graduate totaled nine points as well as nine shots and five shots on goal. Torres scored two goals on three shots in his Kishwaukee College debut against Bryant & Stratton College, helping the Kougars to a 5-2 victory.

"I thought I performed pretty well during my first season with Kishwaukee College," Torres said. "There were some ups and downs, but I thought my teammates and I did well. I thought I did well in holding up the play and being an option at the striker position. I also spent time in the midfield

and on defense helping wherever I could because we suffered a lot of injuries. I want to work on my first-touch, my passing and winning more 50-50 balls this coming season."

Torres recorded his second multi-goal game against Oakton Community College, scoring twice to lead the Kougars to a 5-2 win. Torres netted his lone assist during the team's 3-3 draw against Kankakee Community College. The former Hub standout was one of two Rochelle players (Josue Almaraz) who suited up for the Kougars this past season. Torres said his goals for his sophomore season are to make the all-region team and qualify for the national tournament.

"We want to win our conference as well as the regional tournament," Torres said. "We want to make it to nationals. We just need to put the work in as a team, both during the preseason and during the season. The collegiate experience has been exciting. Many of the teams we've faced have a lot of talent and it was nice to match up against some of those teams. What I enjoyed most was playing with my teammates, who have definitely pushed me to become even better."



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SPORTS

Rochelle Little League

10U Baseball All-Stars dominate district opener

Rochelle boys cruise to 15-0 victory over Sterling on Monday

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Little League 10U Baseball All-Stars dominated Sterling 15-0 on Monday to open the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament. Rochelle will advance and face Rock Falls for a spot in the championship game this weekend.

Quentin Ansteth threw a three-inning shutout against Sterling on Monday, allowing only one hit with eight strikeouts. Ansteth went 3-for-3 at the plate with three doubles and four RBIs to lead the Rochelle offense. Teddy Millard finished 3-for-3 with three singles and one RBI, while Jasper Macklin and Maddex Jackson each recorded two RBIs. Bentley Sveta singled twice in the win.

Rochelle took a 4-0 lead with four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Millard singled and scored on an RBI single from Sveta, who then scored on a passed ball. Ansteth

doubled and Vaughn Manning drew a one-out walk before both players scored on passed balls.

Rochelle blew the game open with seven runs in the bottom of the second inning to go ahead 11-0. Jackson brought Jaxon Quinonez and Millard home with a two-run double to left before Ansteth followed with a two-run double of his own to score Jackson and Sveta. Manning plated Ansteth on a sacrifice fly, putting Rochelle ahead 9-0 before Macklin slapped a two-run single that scored Nolan Zick and Steel Manning, who both reached base with singles.

Rochelle closed out the victory with four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Ansteth's third double of the game plated Millard and Sveta, giving Rochelle a 13-0 lead before Ansteth scored on a passed ball. Carson Smith drew a two-out walk, while Kamden Kessen and Gio Cervantes each hit singles to load the bases for Millard, who notched an RBI single to end the game.



(PHOTOS BY RUSSELL HODGES)

The Rochelle Little League 10U Baseball All-Stars defeated Sterling on Monday to open the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament. Quentin Ansteth (left) threw three shutout innings and recorded eight strikeouts on the pitcher's mound. Bentley Sveta (right) singled twice in the victory.

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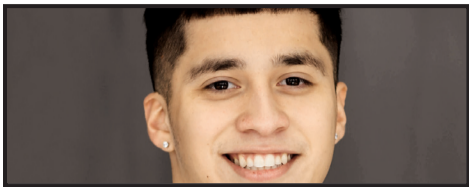
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Former RTHS soccer standout Max Torres recaps first season at Kishwaukee College.

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Rochelle Little League

District champions

11U Baseball All-Stars sweep Freeport to win District 19 tournament

FREEPORT — The Rochelle Little League 11U Baseball All-Stars defeated Freeport twice to take home the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship title this past weekend. Rochelle (2-0) opened the tournament with a 19-2 victory over Freeport on Thursday before edging Freeport 6-5 in the championship game Sunday afternoon.

The Rochelle 11U Baseball All-Stars will advance to compete at the Illinois Little League Sub-State Championship tournament in Peru.

Game 1

Rochelle scored seven runs in the top of the first inning before adding two runs in the second inning and sealing the win with 10 runs in the third inning. Bo Lundquist threw all three innings for Rochelle, limiting Freeport to only one hit and striking out four Freeport batters.

Elijah Schweitzer led Rochelle at the plate, going 4-for-4 with two doubles and five RBIs. Aidan Lopez singled twice and recorded three RBIs, while Lundquist hit two singles and totaled one RBI. Brayden Harley, Jace Spears, Dayton Mellor and Mikey Chadwick each collected one RBI.

Lundquist reached and scored on two errors in

the top of the first inning for Rochelle's first run. Schweitzer then doubled and scored on Harley's RBI single. Lopez followed with a two-RBI single to score Harley and Holden Liebhaber to put Rochelle ahead 4-0. Spears scored on a wild pitch and Lopez scored when John Williams reached base on a dropped third strike. Lundquist brought Williams home with an RBI single for Rochelle's seventh run of the first inning.

Leading 7-1, Rochelle added two runs in the top of the second inning. Schweitzer singled and scored on an RBI groundout from Spears before Mellor's RBI single plated Liebhaber. Rochelle increased its 9-2 lead in the top of the third inning when Korbin Milos singled and scored on a two-RBI single from Schweitzer that also scored Lundquist. Liebhaber reached on an error to score Schweitzer before crossing home on a fielder's choice grounder from Mikey Chadwick.

With Rochelle leading 13-2, Lopez belted an RBI single to plate Spears before Mikey Chadwick scored on an error. Joey Chadwick followed with a single and a run on an error. Four at-bats later, Schweitzer plated Milos, Lundquist and Luke Chadwick with a three-RBI



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Little League 11U Baseball All-Stars defeated Freeport twice to win the District 19 Championship. The team includes Bo Lundquist, Luke Chadwick, Elijah Schweitzer, Brayden Harley, Holden Liebhaber, Jace Spears, Aidan Lopez, Dayton Mellor, Korbin Milos, Joey Chadwick, Mikey Chadwick, Riley Smith, John Williams and Gabe Bybee. The team is coached by Corey Kreider, Dave Williams and Mike Chadwick.

double.

Game 2

Rochelle trailed 2-1 before scoring five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Elijah Schweitzer started the game on the mound, striking out 10 batters through five innings before Holden Liebhaber added two strikeouts in the sixth inning to secure the

victory for Rochelle.

Brayden Harley went 3-for-3 with one RBI to lead the Rochelle offense, while Bo Lundquist singled twice and totaled one RBI. Luke Chadwick scored two runs and four players including Lundquist, Schweitzer, Harley and Korbin Milos scored one run. Jace Spears drew two walks.

Freeport took a 1-0 lead

in the top of the first inning

before Luke Chadwick reached on an error and scored on a passed ball for Rochelle in the bottom of the first inning. Trailing 2-1, Rochelle tied the game when Milos reached on an error and scored on Lundquist's RBI single in the bottom of the fourth inning. Lundquist then scored on an error to give Rochelle

a 3-2 lead.

Harley's RBI single three at-bats later scored Luke Chadwick to make it a 4-2 game. Schweitzer scored on a passed ball and Harley scored on a wild pitch soon after, putting Rochelle ahead 6-2. Freeport scored two runs in the fifth inning and one run in the sixth inning, but fell short.

Rochelle Little League

12U Softball All-Stars fall against Freeport

Rochelle girls finish third with 1-2 record at district tournament

ROCKFALLS—The Rochelle Little League 12U Softball All-Stars faced Freeport in the consolation finals of the Illinois Little League District 19 Championship tournament on Friday. Rochelle fought hard but fell just short, losing 6-5 to take third in the tournament with a 1-2 record.

Briel Metzger tossed five innings on the mound for Rochelle, allowing only two earned runs and striking out six batters. Phelisity Lopez stepped up on defense, making three catches in center field.

Six players including Jaylyn Pointer, Mary Chadwick, Dylan Etes, Briel Metzger, Camryn Metzger and Audrina Rodriguez hit singles in the loss. Chadwick made a key defensive play in the fourth inning, diving to make a catch that prevented an extra-base hit for Freeport.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The 12U Softball All-Stars finished third in the District 19 Championship. The team includes Aeriss Williams, Dakota Hamilton, Briel Metzger, Camryn Metzger, Camryn Ranken, Leiya Smith, Audrina Rodriguez, Jaclynn Lira, Phelisity Lopez, Dylan Etes, Jaylyn Pointer, Mary Chadwick, Maya Esparza and Vivian Novak. The girls are coached by Brad Metzger, Tiffany Smith and Stephanie Rodriguez.