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Senior center celebrates director

‘Connie Dougherty Day’ honors 20 years of service

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — During the holiday season, people from the Hub City Senior Center would come to Connie Dougherty’s house. Some came just for her annual Christmas open house. Some came to her family holiday gatherings if they didn’t have plans of their own. The Doughertys would take beds out of bedrooms so people had more room to sit. “Having them come into my home felt as right as could be,” Dougherty said. “They always felt like family to me. It was just wonderful. I’m going to miss everyone so much.”

The Hub City Senior Center was full Friday for Connie Dougherty Day, in honor of the center’s director. She’s retiring this month after 20 years of work.

Mayor John Bearrows spoke at the event and Dougherty was presented a plaque by her board recognizing her for her



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)
The Hub City Senior Center was full on Friday for Connie Dougherty Day, with several guests including Rochelle Mayor John Bearrows (above at right) attending the event. Dougherty (middle), who retires this month after 20 years as director of the senior center, received a plaque for her service to the community.

years of service. “My heart is so here,” Dougherty said. “I’ve loved these people for so long and to see them actually come out to honor me like this has just been incredible. It’s so awesome to see everybody

and going through this has just brought back so many memories of all the people that I loved and that were here.” Due to the senior center being closed for a year due to COVID-19, Dougherty saw some faces Friday that she hadn’t seen in over a year. “Knowing that they can come back in now safely and vaccinated and that we’re on our way back to full function is amazing,” Dougherty said.

Dougherty doesn’t plan to be a stranger to the center in the future. “I’m going to be here,” Dougherty said. “I’ll be part of friendship quilters and coming for the birthday parties. I just knew it was time for me to retire.”

Rochelle City Council approves substation easement purchases

Franchise agreement with Comcast also approved

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle City Council unanimously approved a \$13,333.33 purchase of two utility easements to run cable from its new \$13.8 million electrical substation it broke ground on this month. The substation at 1600 Ritchie Court has feeder cable that will need to cross two parcels owned by Progressive Park Rochelle LLC. The substation is next to the old Nippon-Sharyo building, which will likely become the location of Project Jackpot in the future, a still-anonymous business that is said to be making a capital investment of over \$130 million and adding 150 jobs that pay an average of \$52,000 per year before benefits to the area. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh said Project Jackpot will be Rochelle’s largest electricity user. The

substation will serve that and any other industrial growth going south.

Comcast
The council approved a 10-year cable franchise agreement with Comcast by a vote of 6-1 with councilman Bil Hayes voting against it. The city’s previous franchise agreement with Comcast expired in 2015 and was never renegotiated. In 2018, staff once again began meeting with representatives from Comcast to update the previous agreement. Due to the pandemic the negotiations were postponed, and the agreement was not finalized.

SB2298
The council approved a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2298, which consists of amending the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code.

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(PHOTOS BY JEFF HELFRICH)
The RMU water reclamation team (above) and the City of Rochelle community development department (below) received Good News Awards during the City Council meeting Monday.

Meat prices on the rise

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Every time Ralf Herrera talks to his supplier, he’s told the end of higher meat prices won’t be soon. The owner of Ralfie’s BBQ and Catering saw high prices on pork and chicken for his business early in the pandemic last year before they went back down. Those prices have increased again, pork going up \$1 per pound and chicken up \$1.50. “It’s getting tough,” Herrera said. “I can’t believe something was \$1 a pound and now it’s over \$2. I think for my supplier it’s due to short staff and fuel going up. It’s just weird that we’re still having issues now. It’s just driving my prices up more.” Herrera said staffing issues are widespread in the food industry right now.

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Ralf Herrera (right), owner of Ralfie's BBQ and Catering, has seen the prices on pork and chicken rise significantly since the pandemic began. After prices decreased temporarily, Herrera said prices are rising once again.

MEAT: Local business owners react to surging prices

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Some restaurants can only do takeout due to staffing. High fuel prices have added to expenses.

Herrera's supplier has been cut down from three to two shifts. Higher prices will be seen until that ends.

Weddings and graduation parties Herrera plans to cater this summer were already quoted at a lower rate when meat was cheaper.

"That was when our meat was reasonable," Herrera said. "The next people we book will see an increase. It's tough. But once you quote them, it's not good business to go back on that. They've

already paid us. Say we planned to make a 30 percent profit, now it's 25 percent. We have to absorb that."

The Ogle County Health Department currently requires caterers to do a served buffet due to COVID-19 safety. People are served at every station to keep them from touching things. That has also raised payroll costs.

New Heaton's Fine Meats Owner Mark Hibshman has entered the industry at an unprecedented time. He and his son, Justin, purchased the business from Lyle Heaton last month, who owned it for 50 years.

"It's been a bit of a challenge," Hibshman said. "We watch the ag report each week to see what's coming. I know next week filet will go up again. We're navigating through it and Lyle is helping. Lyle's been guiding me. It's a big help."

Since March 25, filet mignon has gone up \$7.08 a pound. Ribeye is up \$3.90 a pound. Brisket is up \$3.10 a pound.

Like Herrera, Hibshman has also been told high prices are due to a lack of labor force in meat packaging plants. Restaurants are also opening back up after COVID-19 and causing more demand for higher-quality cuts of meat.

Headon's has raised prices due to the recent spikes.

"We had two options, buy lower quality meats or raise prices," Hibsh-

"I can't believe something was \$1 a pound and now it's over \$2. I think for my supplier it's due to short staff and fuel going up."

Ralf Herrera

man said. "We continue to buy the best certified angus beef we can. People know the quality will be good. We've tried to absorb some of the cost and not pass it on to the consumer. But we don't know how long we'll be able to do that."

Hibshman has been told the high prices could continue for a few months. He said demand for Headon's products has stayed the same, but now it's harder to get that inventory to sell.

Customers come into the Headon's shop and ask why prices are high. Hibshman said butchers will also give customers a heads up about the higher prices before they get to the cash register.

"Fortunately our customers understand, they watch the news," Hibshman said. "But it's never good to take over and raise prices. Fortunately, what we've found is people come in looking to buy a quality product and still will pay for it."



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CITY: Council presents RCH's Olson with plaque

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That act creates TIF funds that cities like Rochelle use to stimulate and induce redevelopment of public infrastructure along with economic development and job growth.

The proposed changes to the bill would “eliminate the effectiveness of the most important tool available to municipalities to enhance public changes,” the city’s community development director, Michelle Pease said on the agenda item information.

Fiegenschuh said the most troubling of the changes is projects would have to be completed within 10 years instead of the current 23.

“A lot of the development projects we’ve worked on wouldn’t have happened if we didn’t have a lengthier development timeline,” Fiegenschuh said. “10 years sounds like a long time, but when you’re trying to recruit millions of dollars in investment it’s much more difficult. Redevelopment agreements already approved are grandfathered in. But we’re still working on ones now that this would affect.”

RMU

The council unanimously approved a change order raising the price of its Well 4 rehabilitation project under the water department.



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Rochelle Community Hospital CEO Gregg Olson received a plaque from Mayor John Bearrows (right) in appreciation for RCH's work during the pandemic.

The expenditure approved Monday was \$1.5 million after just over \$1.5 million was originally budgeted for, a 7 percent increase.

The city council also approved expenditures for Rochelle Municipal Utilities purchases of \$50,125 (sewer flow meters), \$143,661 (electrical supplies) and \$53,408.99 (new mower and tractor).

Award

The city presented a plaque to Rochelle Community Hospital CEO Gregg Olson in appreciation of RCH’s work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The month of May in the city will continue to honor the hospital in the future, Mayor John Bearrows said.

“For the men and ladies that worked this last year and put their lives on the

line every single day, I can’t say enough,” Olson said of RCH employees during the pandemic. “I will always be indebted to all the hard work they do and continue to do.”

RMU employees were recognized with a Good News award by Fiegenschuh for their water reclamation facility improvements winning the American Public Works Association Project of the Year. Utilities Superintendent Adam Lanning and Jay Mulholland accepted the award from Fiegenschuh.

Pease and staff were recognized for volunteer landscaping upgrades done at the downtown parking lot near the Flagg Township Museum off North Sixth Street last weekend. The city purchased the lot last year and has made improvements to it.

‘An Afternoon at Atwood’ scheduled for June 12

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

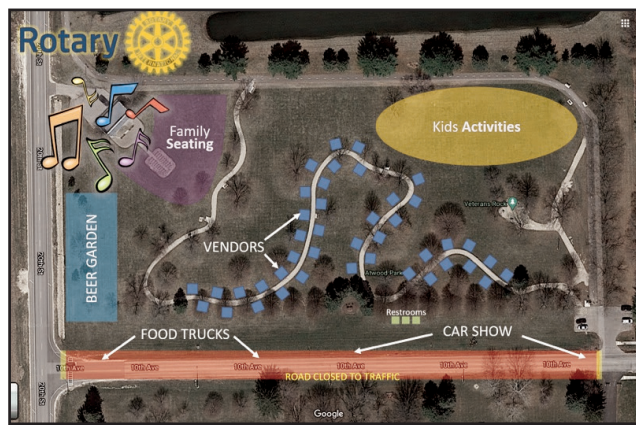
ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Rotary Club is sponsoring An Afternoon at Atwood Park on Saturday, June 12.

The event will include local food trucks, live music, a car show, 35-plus artisan and craft vendors, a bags tournament and demonstrations by Rochelle Police and Rochelle Fire.

“We’ve never done an event like this,” Rotary President Greg Folmar said. “Everyone has been cooped up. I figured we have this money, we should spend it and do something for the town. We want people to enjoy it and have a good day.”

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Live music includes Truman’s Ridge from 12-2



(COURTESY PHOTO)

The Rochelle Rotary Club will sponsor An Afternoon at Atwood on Saturday, June 12.

p.m., Buzzin’ til sonSET from 3-6 p.m. and Morning Maple from 6-9 p.m.

A beer garden with Kennay Farms Distilling and The Rack Bar & Grill is planned.

Food options will include El Senor De Los Tacos, Fuzion’s Bar and Grill, Ralfie’s BBQ and Tacos Al Pastor #1.

The car show already has 40 entries and will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10th Avenue will be closed to allow for the food trucks and car show.

“This will be the first big event since COVID-19,” Folmar said. “Just to put the past year behind us and smile. Get outside on a beautiful day.”



(PHOTO BY JEFF HELFRICH)

Diana King will take over as director of the Hub City Senior Center. King replaces Connie Dougherty, who will retire this month after 20 years of service.

King takes helm as senior center director

‘It just seemed like a perfect fit’

BY JEFF HELFRICH
MANAGING EDITOR

ROCHELLE — Diana King never pictured herself working with the aging population.

And then she went back to school and was working at Oak Crest in DeKalb, a continuing care facility.

“And I just loved it,” King said. “Now I don’t picture myself doing anything else.”

King will be the Hub City Senior Center’s new director starting this month. She comes from Family Service Agency in DeKalb where she was senior program manager and ran four senior centers throughout DeKalb County. She’d been there 10 years and lives in Malta.

King will replace Connie Dougherty in Rochelle, who is retiring after 20 years.

“It just seemed like a perfect fit for me,” King said. “I’m very passionate about working with the aging population and when I heard Connie was retiring I thought it’d be a great fit.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic with her facilities closed, King spent time trying to keep in contact with seniors trying to keep them engaged. She didn’t want them to feel isolated. She and her employees were making wellness calls to 400-500 seniors every month.

Some outdoor programming was done for them to stay connected and meet with one another.

King hopes to get as many seniors to come back into the Hub City Senior Center as she can.

“I just want to meet with people in the community and encourage them to come in,” King said. “As

we slowly start introducing new programming that may help to get more people back in too. I’m really looking forward to the opportunity. I know I have some big shoes to fill.”

Dougherty said people are going to love King and the new director will keep things the way they’ve been and add more to the facility.

King is looking forward to getting acclimated and finding out what Rochelle’s senior population wants from the community, the center and her.

“I want to make a difference in their lives,” King said. “I want to help them remain independent and as active in the community as possible. My goal is to help them achieve that. I want them to feel valued, supported and loved and to have a place where they can go that they feel safe.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Police Department

Two arrested for driving under the influence

ROCHELLE — On May 21 at 2:41 p.m. Hannah Luxton, 19, of Kings was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of June 18.

On May 21 at 3:09 p.m. Tyrese Simmons, 19, of Rochelle was arrested for operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. She was given an I-bond and a Rochelle court date of June 18.

May 22

On May 22 at 4:05 a.m. Jason E. Mireles, 40 of Rochelle was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transferred.

May 23

On May 23 at 1:12 a.m. Andres Lopez-Garcia, 37 of Chicago was arrested for no valid driver's li-



cense, disobeying a stop sign and driving under the influence blood alcohol content over .08. He was given an I-bond and an Ogle County Court date of June 30.

On May 23 at 3:10 p.m. Jose Munoz, 53, of Rochelle was arrested for no valid driver's license and speeding 85 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone. He was given an I-bond and a Rochelle court date of July 2.

On May 23 at 6:25 p.m. Thomas B. Minton, 38, of Rockford was cited

for disobeying a traffic control device. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of July 2.

On May 23 at 9:51 p.m. Israel Guerrero, 23, of Rochelle was arrested on an outstanding Ogle County warrant and transferred. He was also cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and no insurance. He signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of July 2.

On May 23 at 11:01 p.m. Shirley A. Painter, 56, of Rochelle was arrested for driving under the influence and driving without lights when required. She was given an I-bond and a Rochelle court date of July 2.

May 24

On May 24 at 2:50 p.m. Emily R. Williams, 22, of Wildwood was cited for speeding 92 m.p.h. in a 70 m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of July 2.

On May 24 at 11:51 a.m. Amanda Maria Sarabia, 33, of Rochelle was cited for no insurance. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of July 2.

On May 24 at 3:59 p.m. Aja C. Hutchins, 21, of DeKalb was cited for speeding 70 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. She signed a promise to comply and was given a Rochelle court date of July 2.

Obituaries

Loyd Powell



ROCHELLE — Loyd Powell, formerly of Cobden, passed away Saturday, May 22, at his daughter's home in Chana while holding the hands of his daughter and grandson. Loyd passed after a courageous five-year battle with cancer.

He was born August 4, 1939, in Balcom, the son of Jack and Minnie (Volner) Powell. Loyd was married three times. First, to Brenda Bobo in 1962 in Rochelle. His second marriage was to Molly Parker in 1987 in Rochelle. His final marriage was to Marjorie Hartsock in 2003.

Loyd worked 35 years for Del Monte before enjoying early retirement. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, wildlife, gardening and caring for his fruit and nut trees.

He was an avid traveler to the western and southern states of the United States

and would spend his winters in Florida. Loyd loved joyriding, often much to the chagrin of his fellow passengers.

He never met a stranger, loved an adventure and would try anything at least once. Loyd was famously stubborn. He referred to it at his hard headedness, which only added to his charm.

Loyd is survived by his daughter, Christina (Joe Anderson) Powell; grandson, Jack Anderson; sister, Geneva Brown of Springfield, Missouri; numerous nieces and

nephews and his fiercely loyal cat, Buddy.

In addition to his parents, Loyd is preceded in death by a son, Michael Powell; three wives, Brenda Hausmann, Molly Powell and Marjorie Powell; and siblings, Wayd, Walter, Arthur, Clifford, Leo, Roy, and Lucille.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Joanne Sharp and Sandy McWhorter, who helped Loyd maintain his fierce independence until the end.

A graveside funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 27 at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle with Chaplain Judy Williams officiating. Donations in Loyd's memory may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the online guest book.

Ronald Doran Ankney



ROCHELLE — Ronald Doran Ankney, 77, of Rochelle, passed away on May 20. Ronald was born on Nov. 13, 1943 in Chicago to Gordon and Grace (Ludvigsen) Ankney. Ronald married Freda Ramsey in Rochelle on Sept. 27, 1963.

He was a member of the VFW and Rochelle Moose Lodge. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. He also enjoyed playing lightning and darts.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Freda; two children, Doran Ankney of Rochelle and Brandi (Allen) Ankney of Tennessee; two sisters, Dorene (Butch) Tebockhorst of St. Augustine, Florida and Cheryl (Danny) Potts of Dandridge, Tennessee; one sister, Laurie Kramer of Rochelle; a brother, Rod Ankney of West Virginia; one brother-in-law, Kenny Bucher;

see; two sisters, Dorene (Butch) Tebockhorst of St. Augustine, Florida and Cheryl (Danny) Potts of Dandridge, Tennessee; one sister, Laurie Kramer of Rochelle; a brother, Rod Ankney of West Virginia; one brother-in-law, Kenny Bucher;

six grandchildren, Tyler, Kaitlin, Chelsea, Austin, Aubrey and Chalee Grace; as well as two great grandchildren, Braxton and Jayce.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Lowaine; one son, Boyd McCoy; and one brother-in-law, Scott Kramer.

Interment of cremains will be held at a later date at Trinity Memory Gardens in Rochelle. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragelyonsfamilyfh.com.

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Two-vehicle crash on Interstate 39

OREGON — On May 21 at approximately 10:35 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the 5,000 block of North Illinois Route 2. After investigation, deputies arrested Tianna R. Cornell, 20, of Tampico, for driving while license suspended. Cornell was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Ogle County Jail where she was held in lieu of bond. Cornell was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and issued a written warning for an inoperable rear registration light.

On May 21 deputies arrested Justin Williams, 32, of Rockford for driving while license suspended after he was stopped by deputies for speeding on Illinois Route 251. Williams was held in lieu of bond at the Jail.

On May 21 at 5:12 p.m. deputies along with Lynn Scott Rock Fire responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries on Interstate 39 near Mowers Road. Investigation revealed that a northbound vehicle driven by Kevin Abbott, 36, of Peoria had stopped in traffic when it was rear ended by a vehicle driven by James

Hopkins, 34, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin. An adult female passenger in Abbott's car was transported to the Rochelle Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Hopkins was arrested by deputies for driving while license revoked and held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail. Hopkins was also cited for an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to reduce speed.

On May 23 deputies arrested Alejandrino Hernandez, 27, of DeKalb for driving without a valid license after Hernandez was stopped for speeding on Illinois Route 64 near Chamberlain Road. Hernandez was held in lieu of bond at the Ogle County Jail.

On May 24 at approximately 8:47 p.m. deputies initiated a traffic stop in the 11,000 block of West Illinois Route 72. After investigation Javier Rodriguez, 23, of Waukegan, was arrested for no valid driver's license. Rodriguez was also cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal window tint. Rodriguez was transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

Report policy

Any arrests listed in this paper are merely charges and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Please note that all police reports received

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BY VICKI SNYDER-CHURA
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEADER

ROCHELLE — Rochelle Township High School veteran John Dobbs has been counting down the days left in this school year, but not because he can't wait to retire. As he has throughout his 24 years here, Dobbs has a new iron in the fire, an idea he is excited about bringing to fruition.

A graduate of the University of Iowa where he was a member of the track team, Dobbs taught in Davenport for about a decade as well as high school art at a small parochial school before relocating to Rochelle.

He interviewed for the art position just one week after RTHS lost longtime art teacher Dr. Al Reynolds unexpectedly.

"At that time, there were 95 students enrolled in art, making me the lone art teacher," Dobbs said. "We offered art 1 through art 4. At the end of my first year, Principal Todd Prusator came to share some bad news and some good news."

The good news: enrollment in the art program soared from 95 to 160. The bad news: an additional art teacher will be hired by the

district.

"Beth Mock joined me the next year," Dobbs said. "She wanted to teach photography. I wanted to expand ceramics, so as we planned for the Flagg Road campus, Superintendent Doug Creason was very supportive of the arts, allowing us three classrooms to accommodate all of the elective art courses Beth and I planned to create."

In fact, Dobbs' thesis for his master's degree was essentially a rewrite of the RTHS Art curriculum.

"We wanted to expand; to grow the kids' talent in a variety of areas," Dobbs said.

To ignite young students' passion for creativity, Dobbs and Mock offered after school art during the fall & winter months for elementary kids enrolled in our feeder districts. High school students assisted, an unexpected bonus for both.

"When we moved out here to Flagg Road, art after school morphed into the popular summer art camp," Dobbs said.

Ceramics students were exposed to all sorts of methods, sometimes throwing pottery with their feet as well as their hands. Ever popular was Raku, a Japanese style of pottery

first made in the 1580s. Raku is characterized by a very earthy, organic effect. Created for the tea ceremony, Raku ware is most commonly in the form of tea bowls.

When snow piled up and it was too cold for Raku, Dobbs called in local sculptor Fran Volz who taught the classes about snow sculpting.

"I remember that first year we competed at the Rockford Park District Snow Sculpting Competition," Dobbs said. "Ben Spriggs (now a tattoo artist) was on that team. We had tons of snow, but the weather warmed up the week of the competition, so we had to get up there well before dawn to sculpt before it got too warm, then insulate the snow blocks to keep them from melting and then go back up to work after dark after the temps had dropped."

Dobbs also has a distinct talent for reconnecting people with objects. For a few years now he has been buying storage unit contents and metal detecting.

"It's amazing what you can find and what people are willing to pay for things," Dobbs said. "But what I really enjoy is reconnecting people with lost objects like a ring I lost and a ring I found for someone."

After a tremendous effort by Dobbs and daughter, Michelle, to reconnect a WWII Purple Heart he found in a sack of socks with the family of the veteran whose ship was torpedoed by the Japanese, it went to a collector.



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Rochelle Township High School art teacher John Dobbs (above at right) is retiring after 24 years. Dobbs also coached cross country and track for the Hubs and Lady Hubs. Below is Dobbs (left) with longtime RTHS track coach Bruce Anderson.



John Dobbs

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LOCAL VIEWS

Letter to the Editor

Keeping nuclear plants open will be ‘well worth it’

Dear Editor,

Over the next week or so, Illinois legislators will be voting on a comprehensive energy and climate policy. One of the most important aspects of the bill is that it will be the last chance to keep all of Illinois' nuclear plants open.

If no action is taken, two of the state's six plants will close this year, and two more plants may later follow. Once these plants close, they will never reopen.

The environmental and economic impacts of closing those plants cannot be overstated. The state's nuclear plants provide about 84% of the state's pollution-free and carbon-free electricity.

If the four threatened plants close, it will more than offset all the progress Illinois has made to date

on renewable energy, in terms of climate. Even with an aggressive renewables buildout, it will take over a decade to just get back to where we were in terms of emissions.

If we want to make progress on global warming it's imperative that renewable generation be used to replace fossil sources, as opposed to other non-emitting sources like nuclear. We can't afford to tread water.

When they close, nuclear plants are almost always mainly replaced by fossil generation (over the short-to-mid-term, at least). An example of this just occurred in New York. When the Indian Point nuclear plant shutdown, it was almost entirely replaced by two new gas plants and by increased utilization of old, dirty gas plants in the NYC area.

The result will be increased air pollution impacts in disadvantaged communities and elsewhere. Closure of Illinois nuclear plants is expected to have similar impacts, i.e., increased air pollution that will significantly impact public health.

According to the Clean Air Task Force, closure of the four at-risk Illinois plants would result in 1,200 to 2,700 premature deaths, and \$10 to \$24 billion in monetized damages from increased air pollution, over the next 10 years.

Keeping existing nuclear plants open is significantly less expensive than building and operating new renewable generation to replace them. Hence, the subsidies needed to keep the four struggling nuclear plants open are far lower than those given to renewable

sources. Therefore, an effort to replace the state's nuclear plants with (intermittent) renewable sources would result in higher power costs, as well as reduced grid stability, without reducing emissions.

Even without efforts to replace nuclear plants with new renewable generation, keeping existing nuclear plants open reduces power costs by maintaining an ample supply of power. Illinois power rates decreased after the passage of a 2016 bill which kept two of the state's nuclear plants running.

An analysis by the Brattle Group predicts that keeping the four currently-at-risk nuclear plants open would also reduce power costs, by \$438 million per year.

In addition to increased air pollution, CO2 emis-

sions and power costs, closure of nuclear plants has a devastating local economic impact, due to loss of a large number of high paying jobs and loss of local tax base. The result is local unemployment or emigration, higher local taxes, and reduced local government services.

Fortunately, the governor's office has recognized the need to keep the state's nuclear plants open, and has expressed support for providing small subsidies to do so. However, the subsidy levels proposed by the governor are far too low to prevent the plants' closure.

The current negotiation process needs to yield an adequate level of support. The economic and environmental benefits of keeping the state's nuclear plants open will be well worth it.

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James E. Hopf
Retired Senior Nuclear Engineer
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VOICE ON THE STREET

Question:

With the state entering its bridge phase of COVID-19 reopening, what are your plans for this summer in a fully-reopened Illinois?

“We’re planning a ‘Happy Everything’ party in the backyard. An area/table set up to celebrate each event missed in the last year-plus.”

Kimberly Diane Ekes

“Finally going out to eat.”

Shelley Sims Reynolds

Legislation seeks to send loot-box warning

FIVE years ago, I opened up my credit card bill and nearly keeled over.

There were \$3,570 in charges that I did not recognize. And, each charge was for something from Apple computer's iTunes division.

I asked my wife, Joan, and she said, “It wasn't me.”

I asked my then-10-year-old and 8-year-old daughters, and they gave perplexed looks and shook their heads.

I also asked my then-5-year-old, Caitlin, and she gave me a snaggletooth grin and said, “Yes, Daddy, I've been buying stuff for my video game.”

Uh, \$3,570 worth of stuff in one month?

It's pretty hard to be upset with a preschooler who doesn't yet know how to add, subtract, read or count to 100—let alone to 3,570.

My family was a victim of something called a “loot box.”

Loot boxes are an insidious feature of video games that allow in-game purchases using real money for a virtual award that can be used in games.

It's pure evil.

Basically, you give real money for a chance to get something that is make believe. It might be a virtual sword, a key or some device that can be used in a game.

Finally, five years after

my family's experience, someone in the Illinois General Assembly is taking action. State Rep. Barbara Hernandez (D-83rd) has introduced legislation to require this warning label on games with the loot-box feature:

“Attention Parents: A Loot Box System exists in this game that permits an unlimited amount of REAL MONEY to be spent without any age restriction. REAL MONEY is exchanged for random digital items. This process has been linked to REAL-LIFE GAMBLING ADDICTIONS in both children and adults. Please regulate your own spending as well as your children's spending.”

Hernandez's bill has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate. If it becomes law, Illinois will be the first state to in any way regulate loot boxes.

“The lobbyist for the industry keeps telling me that no other state has passed this. My response is ‘Someone has to be first,’” Hernandez said.

According to the National Law Review, in 2018, legislation was introduced in California, Hawaii, Minnesota and Washington to regulate the gaming feature.

None of the bills became law. That's evidence of the amount of clout—and money—the video game industry brings into the mix.

Many readers of this column know that I'm not a big fan of government regulation, but, I am an advocate of transparency.

Hernandez's bill strikes the right balance. It informs parents, but it doesn't prohibit the feature.

The inspiration for the legislation came from Marcos Beltran and several other constituents of Hernandez's in the Aurora area. Beltran was the advisor to several video gaming clubs at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora.

“I love video games. I've been playing them all of my life,” Beltran said. “But, these loot boxes are predatory, and they are in games oriented toward children. Parents look at the game and see bunnies hopping around, and they think it is harmless. And, the games are free or cost very little. But, what parents may not realize is that loot boxes are in these games, and they can be detrimental.”

Beltran said that the gaming feature is not only harmful to family pocket-books but also to developing

minds.

“It teaches children to gamble. They use real money for a chance for a virtual reward. It can be an addictive behavior. I don't care whether adults choose to gamble; how they spend their money is their business. But, children need to be protected,” he said.

Tara Ryan, vice president for state government affairs at the Entertainment Software Association, did not return phone calls seeking the video gaming industry's perspective.

“These companies are making millions of dollars through these mistakes made by kids and other family members,” Hernandez said. “A lot of parents believe that, after a video game is purchased, a kid can only play that video game and there's nothing else they can purchase from it. But, of course, technology has evolved, and companies got creative in trying to make more money.”

She added that no one knows how many families have been victimized by the loot-box feature. Embarrassment keeps some victims silent. Other don't know where to turn—or how to keep it from happening again.

In my family's case, we were able to resolve the matter.

I spent a month call-

ing Apple and beseeching them to please forgive the expenses that my 5-year-old incurred. After about 30 days of groveling, Apple finally released me from the debt and emailed me a complex set of instructions on how to set up my daughter's iPad so this would never happen again.

My solution was to take my credit card off my Apple account. That isn't easy. Once you put a credit card on an account, the company makes it exceedingly difficult to remove it—unless you replace it with, you guessed it, another credit card.

My work around was that I bought a gift card at the local dollar store for a small amount and used that to replace the credit card and to keep from having excessive charges again. And, our kids are instructed not to make a purchase unless it has been approved by both my wife and me.

My family learned about the predatory practices of video game companies the hard way.

Hernandez's bill would warn families up front. That's a step in the right direction.

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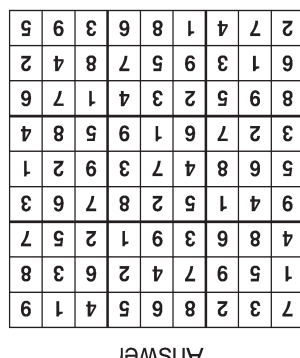
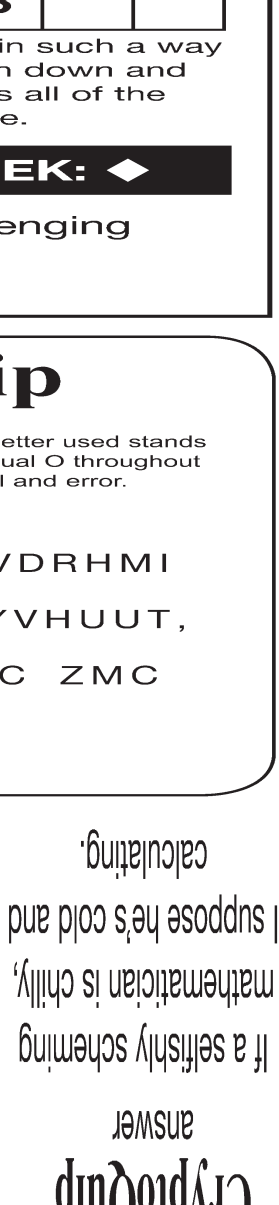
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LOCAL NEWS

Rochelle Municipal Band presenting summer concerts

ROCHELLE — The City of Rochelle has given the go-ahead to the Rochelle Municipal Band to once again present their summer concert season. Necessary precautions will be taken to help insure the safety of the musicians and audiences.

All concerts will be held at the Atwood Park band shell at the corner of 10th Avenue and 20th Street. Each concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour.

The band members will be exercising the 6-foot minimum distance between members. At this time, all concert goers are encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance between each other as well.

The first concert will be June 16. The band will also look forward to once again performing the popular July 4 concert which will begin at 8 p.m. The band plays on an every other week and on the off weeks there are special concerts planned that include groups that have performed in the past.

The Concert Schedule is as follows: the Rochelle



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Municipal Band on June 16, the Bluegrass Reunion Band on June 23, the municipal band and fireworks on July 4, the Backroads Trio on July 7, the municipal band on July 14, the Footstompers on July 21 and the municipal band on July 30.

The Rochelle Municipal Band is open to any instrumentalists in the Rochelle area. Feel free to email Ron Duval, director at rochmunibnd@gmail.com. It is important to make this contact as arrangements will be made so that the number of chairs, stands, and music will be made accordingly.

The band's first rehearsal is on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. All rehearsals and concerts will be at the band shell. Unfortunately if there is inclement weather for either the rehearsal or concert there will be no concert for that week.

All members of the band are truly excited to play once again for the community. As always the band's repertoire includes concert band classics as well as well-known musicals and music of motion pictures.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy nights of live concert music at the Atwood Park Band Shell.

DOBBS: RTHS teacher reflects on 24-year career

From page 3

Dobbs has his sights set on breaking ground for Hub City Self Storage, a facility he is building on Illinois Route 251 in the southern sector of the city. At an end of the year assembly, our faculty band, the Eraser-

heads, performed the Neil Young classic, 'Long May You Run' as a tribute to Dobbs who for decades has also been our cross country and track coach.

His memories and successes from the track are a whole other story, but besides older daughter

Michelle's success as a collegiate track all-american, another thing Dobbs is very proud to point out is the trio of former students he has been able to coach alongside: Eric Chalus, Zack Miller and Dale Bergeson have worked to continue to develop the track program.

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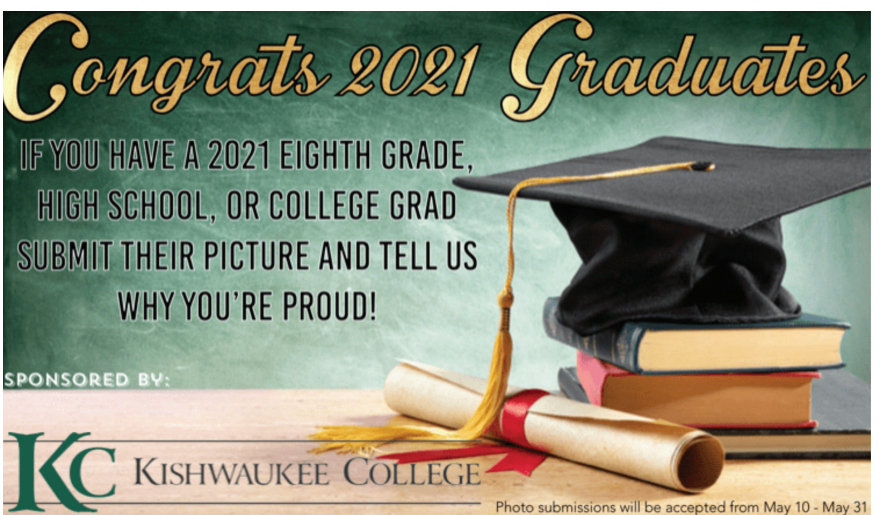


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RTHS Athletics



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Rochelle Township High School held its annual Signing Day ceremony for student-athletes on Tuesday. Fifteen senior athletes across nine sports joined family members and coaches for one final send-off in their home gymnasium. Above from left to right are Afi Gati, Matayo Rodriguez, Bella Lodico, Trevor Goodwin, Oscar Linares, Kiya Porter, Clare Green, Megan Thiravong, Kyler Lara, Ben Harvey, Vianey Perusquia, Reese Kirk, Ethan Albers, Keith Holland and Garrett Burdin.

Signing Day in Rochelle

RTHS celebrates student-athletes committed to competing collegiately

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — For Rochelle Township High School athletic director Rich Harvey, Tuesday’s Signing Day ceremony was an opportunity for senior Hub and Lady Hub student-athletes to be recognized one last time in their home gymnasium before beginning their college careers. Fifteen student-athletes from nine different sports gathered with family mem-

bers and coaches to sign their letters and finalize their athletic and academics commitments to their respective collegiate programs. Student-athletes took turns signing letters in the middle of the RTHS gymnasium, taking center stage one final time as their high school careers come to a close. “It’s really neat and it’s a great opportunity for the kids to see each other one more time,” Harvey said. “These student-athletes

have grown up together for the past 12 to 14 years and it was important to me that we recognized these kids, especially since we weren’t able to do this last year. Seeing these kids go on to compete collegiately says a lot about our coaches, our kids and the excitement they have to not only play sports, but carry those sports on collegiately.” The following student-athletes attended Tuesday’s ceremony to sign their letters: Afi Gati (Augustana College women’s track and field), Matayo Rodriguez (Kishwaukee College baseball), Bella Lodico (Judson University softball), Trevor Goodwin (North Central College men’s track and field), Oscar Linares (Kishwaukee College baseball), Kiya Porter (Beloit College women’s track and field), Megan Thiravong (Saginaw Valley State University women’s golf), Clare Green (Cornell College women’s volleyball), Kyler

Lara (Kishwaukee College baseball), Ben Harvey (Washington University in St. Louis football), Vianey Perusquia (Kishwaukee College women’s soccer), Reese Kirk (Kishwaukee College men’s golf), Ethan Albers (Wartburg College football), Keith Holland (Kishwaukee College men’s bowling) and Garrett Burdin (Loras College men’s basketball). College-bound student-athletes not present were Zane Walters (Carroll University

men’s soccer) and Michael Schlenbecker (Kishwaukee College baseball). “Our coaches spent a lot of the time with the kids and they really connected with them,” said Harvey, whose son Ben was one of several student-athletes to sign letters on Tuesday. “The seniors are all great leaders and they’ve given us a lot of great memories. We’re going to miss them. It’s a special class because it’s my son’s and I had a lot of memories with them.”

RTHS Boys Tennis

Hubs score third Interstate 8 Conference win

Rochelle netters split doubleheader with Ottawa, LaSalle-Peru

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE—Members of the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team have improved so much from the start of the summer season that even coaches from opposing schools in the Interstate 8 Conferences are taking notice. The Hubs showcased their growth Monday afternoon, when Rochelle’s netters hosted Ottawa and LaSalle-Peru for a conference doubleheader. Sophomore David Wanner secured two victories in singles play and Rochelle closed out the afternoon with a 4-1 victory over the Cavaliers behind a singles sweep and two doubles wins. Although Rochelle (5-10) opened the meet with a 4-1 loss to the Pirates, the Hubs have now won three conference matches, the most in any season under head coach Kristy Eckardt. “The kids are comfortable on the court and they’re becoming more confident,” Eckardt said. “They’re understanding where they should be on the court and what shots they should be taking.



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Peter Forsberg hits a return shot during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis match against LaSalle-Peru on Monday.

They’re confident in their swings and in each other... We received a lot of compliments from the other coaches today about how much we’ve improved since we last saw them.”

L-P

Rochelle took an early 2-0 lead against LaSalle-Peru, with Wanner defeat-

ing Joe Pohar 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 singles and junior Alex Gilbert taking down Adam Barr 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles. Freshman Parker Lenkaitis and sophomore John Green clinched the match for the Hubs at No. 3 doubles, beating Cavalier netters Alex Lucero and Elijah Arthurs 7-5, 6-1 in straight sets.

“Alex has been consistent and confident,” Eckardt said. “He’s learning that he has the shots and he has what it takes to compete with those other kids. He’s believing in himself a lot more. David lost earlier in the season against the kids he faced today, but seeing him win both of his matches



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Jason Zheng prepares to serve in doubles action for the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis team.

showed that he has a lot of perseverance and the belief that he’s capable of

winning.”

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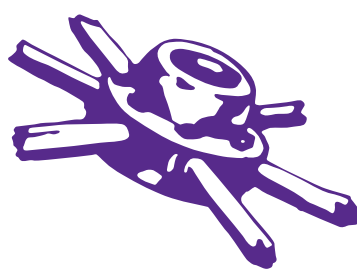
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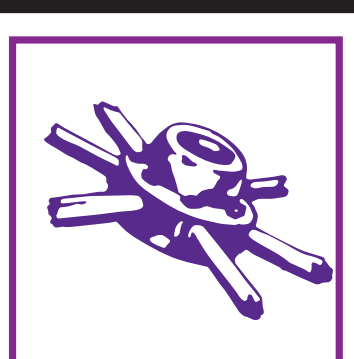
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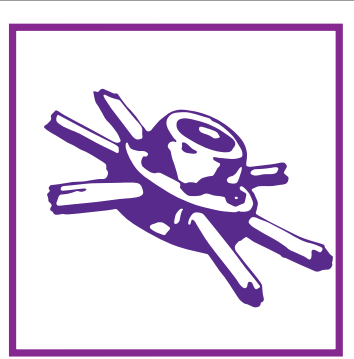


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HUB SPOTLIGHT



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Rochelle Hub varsity soccer players Zane Walters (left), Josh Hurtado (right) and Bryce Whitehead (below) all earned Interstate 8 First Team honors this season.

Hub soccer players score Interstate 8 First Team honors

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity soccer team named three players to the Interstate 8 All-Conference First Team this season. Seniors Josh Hurtado, Zane Walters and junior Bryce Whitehead were each selected as First-Team members. Junior Caleb Ritter and sophomore Jace Whitehead both took home All-Conference Honorable Mentions from the Interstate 8.

Walters led Rochelle in several statistical categories, totaling a team-high 15 goals while finishing first in shots (41) and shots on goal (28). The senior midfielder, who tied for second on the Hubs with five assists, will be playing collegiately at Carroll University next year.

"I think I deserve All-Conference because I put in a lot of work during quarantine and over the offseason," Walters said. "I think I was much better in finishing my chances this season."

Hurtado spent time at forward, midfield and defense for the Hubs, finishing with four goals, 12 shots and 10 shots on goal this season. Hurtado and Walters, who were each Honorable Mentions last season, helped lead Rochelle to third place in the Interstate 8 this season.

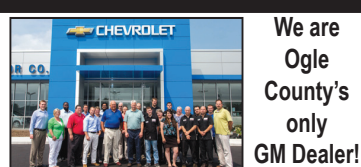
"It's something I wouldn't have accomplished without my teammates and coaches," Hurtado said. "I owe it all to them and I thank them for making me step out of my comfort zone. I feel great because I know it's also thanks to my hard work. I felt that I improved my communication



and I obtained a better understanding of the game. I also felt that the seniors and I helped the younger players so they could continue to grow. I'm excited to see what they do in the future."

Whitehead started at center back for the second straight season, leading a Hub defense that limited opponents to 3.6 goals per game. Whitehead earned captain's honors for the first time this season, and he'll be one of the varsity team's leading returners on the field next season.

"It's definitely a big moment for me because I worked hard this season and it's definitely redeeming to have my hard work recognized," Whitehead said. "I was a lot more satisfied with my performance this season as well as my fitness levels during games."



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Sbeih earns Northern Rehab Sports and Health Scholarship

RTHS senior selected for outstanding achievements

ROCHELLE — Northern Rehab Physical Therapy Specialists is pleased to announce and present their annual 2021 Rochelle Township High School Sports and Health Scholarship to Ayah Sbeih.

Sbeih, a senior at RTHS, was chosen for her outstanding achievements in athletics, academics and choice to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Sbeih played sports during high school including four years of soccer and two years of basketball.

She has been an Interact Club member for the past four years, a Student Connect member for three years, and served a two-year term as Secretary for Student Council. She has twice received the Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance in Honors Geometry and Anatomy/Physiology.

She has volunteered with Feed My Starving Children and her local fire department. This fall, Ayah plans to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana focusing on a career as a physician assistant.

This is the fifth year



(COURTESY PHOTO)

Northern Rehab's Janet Truckenbrod Sarver (left) with the 2021 Rochelle Township High School Sports & Health Scholarship recipient Ayah Sbeih (right).

Northern Rehab has sponsored a scholarship for Rochelle High School seniors and will continue to support this annually. Northern Rehab is pleased to acknowl-

edge the sportsmanship, athletic and academic excellence and competitive spirit displayed by this year's recipient.

"We support our community in their sports and

academic accomplishments, and those promoting active and healthy lifestyles," A press release said. "Northern Rehab extends our congratulations to Ayah Sbeih."



(PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Devansh Patel awaits a serve during the Rochelle Hub varsity tennis meet Monday evening.

HUBS: Tennis team showing improvements

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Ottawa

The final two matches concluded simultaneously, with Hub sophomore Owen Haas and junior Peter Forsberg outlasting Andrew Bollis and Traeger Abens 6-7, 6-0, 10-6 at No. 2 doubles. Juniors Jason Zheng and Devansh Patel fell 0-6, 4-6 to Adam Sarabia and Gavin Jonassen.

"We're being much more aggressive in doubles and they're learning it's a lot more fun when they're able to smash the ball at the net," Eckardt said. "They're doing a great job."

Wanner secured Rochelle's lone victory of the match with the Pirates at No. 1 singles, topping Ethan Kraft 6-1, 6-1 while Gilbert fell 1-6, 4-6 against Adam Gross at No. 2 singles. Zheng and Patel faced Sam Walker and Regan Linde at No. 1 doubles, conceding a 2-6, 0-6 defeat.

Forsberg and Haas battled Tanner Ditchfield and Logan Goetsch at No. 2 doubles, losing 1-6, 4-6. Green and Lenkaitis took the court at No. 3 doubles, falling in their match 0-6, 3-6.

RTHS Baseball

Hubs take losses from L-P, Kaneland

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

LASALLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity baseball team saw its losing streak reach four games on Friday, when LaSalle-Peru defeated Rochelle 8-6 to sweep the two-game Interstate 8 Conference series. The Hubs fell to 6-9 overall and 3-8 in the conference with the loss.

Senior Kyler Lara singled twice and recorded four RBIs for the Hubs, who totaled eight hits in the loss. Junior Eric Brisen went 2-for-4 with two singles, while junior Andy Buskohl finished 2-for-4 with one single, one double and one RBI. Buskohl started on the mound for Rochelle, throwing four innings and striking out three batters. Junior Josh Lloyd pitched two innings.

LaSalle-Peru led 2-1 after the first inning before scoring one run during both the second and third innings. Rochelle earned one run back in the top of the fifth inning, but the Cavaliers bounced back with a two-run bottom half to make it a 6-2 game. Ro-

chelle rallied for two runs in the top of the seventh, but a two-run sixth from LaSalle-Peru put the Hubs out of reach.

Kaneland

Rochelle opened a two-game Interstate 8 series against Kaneland on Monday, with the Knights not hitting the Hubs and winning 5-0 to drop Rochelle to 6-10 overall. The Hubs will host Kaneland for Game 2 on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Fresh/Soph

The Rochelle freshman baseball team dropped a close game against LaSalle-Peru on Friday, falling 3-1 to move to 6-4 on the season. Christian Burnette threw five innings on the mound, striking out seven batters. Bradley Cooney singled twice and scored one run for the Hubs.

Rochelle battled Kaneland on Monday, losing 11-1 and dropping to 6-5 overall. Noah Lara and Christian Burnette recorded hits for the Hubs, while Colton O'Rourke added one RBI.

RTHS Bass Fishing

(COURTESY PHOTOS)

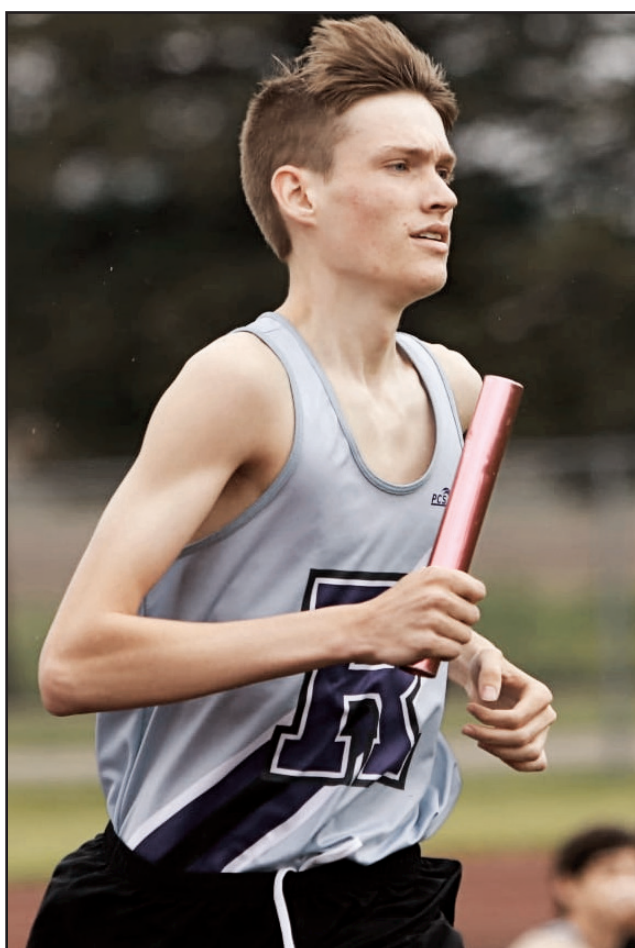


Hub anglers compete at IHSA State Championship

The Rochelle Hub bass fishing team set course for the IHSA State Championship at Carlyle Lake this past weekend. The three-man boat of head coach Curt Samo, Cooper Hasz and Griffin Ohlinger caught one bass on Friday, weighing in at 1 pound and 4 ounces. The team did not catch any bass on Saturday, ultimately finishing tied for 60th place out of 74 teams that competed in the two-day event.

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RTHS Track & Field



(PHOTOS BY MARCY DELILLE)

Juniors Sara Johnson (left), Shannon Harding (right) and senior Aiden Seldal (center) hit their strides for the Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams Friday evening, when the Hubs took second and the Lady Hubs finished third in a five-team meet at Oregon High School.

Rochelle teams finish strong at Oregon meet

Hubs place second, Lady Hubs take third in nonconference invite

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

OREGON — The Rochelle Hub and Lady Hub track and field teams battled in a five-team nonconference meet at Oregon High School on Friday. The Hubs finished second in the meet with 91.33 points, while the Lady Hubs took third on their side with 73 points.

The meet featured Rochelle, Oregon, Manlius (Bureau Valley), Spring Valley (Hall) and Mendota.

Hubs

Junior Zach Sanford took second in the shot put with a distance of 13.24 meters and second in the discus with a distance of 39.23 meters. Junior Ryan Simmons won the high jump competition with a height of 1.77 meters and placed third in the long jump with a distance of 5.34 meters. Junior Luke Orlikowski finished third in the triple jump (10.89 meters) and sophomore Hayden Inman took fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 2.89 meters.

Rochelle won the 3200-meter relay (Aiden Seldal, Kasey Jones, Hayden Smith and Thomas Koziol) with a time of 10:09.48. The Hubs finished second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 47.49 seconds and the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:42.89. Rochelle took third in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:14.50. Inman placed third in the 110-meter hurdles (20.81).

Junior Michael Ramsey finished third in the 100-meter dash with a

time of 11.92 seconds and junior Ethan Wells placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.72. Freshman Caleb Wyssbrod took third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.88 and Seldal finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:20.91. Junior Josue Huerta placed fifth in the 1600-meter run (5:46.71) and freshman Luis Pizano took third in the 3200-meter run (13:25.11).

Lady Hubs

Freshman Alivia Hen-

kel and junior Teagan Meyers went first and second in the 400-meter dash with times of 1:02.62 and 1:04.34. Junior Sara Johnson won the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:14.31 and the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:31.10. Junior Liberty Hayes placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.80 and Meyers finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.55. Senior Heidi Cruz took fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:22.54.

Rochelle finished fourth in both the 800-meter relay (2:03.66) and the 1600-meter relay (5:28.25). Senior Afi Gati led the Lady Hubs in the throwing events, taking third in the shot put with a distance of 10.20 meters and fourth in the discus with a throw of 28.42 meters. Meyers won the high jump with a clearance of 1.52 meters and Henkel won the pole vault with a height of 2.44 meters. Meyers finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 9.59 meters.

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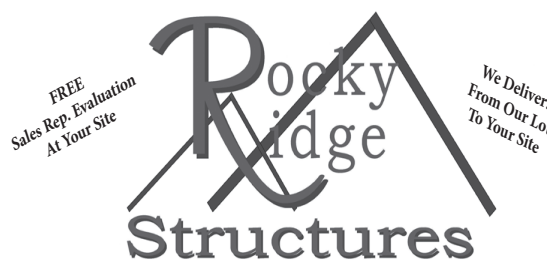
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Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk
No. 0520 (May 19, 26, June 2)

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Notice is given of the death of Nicolas Magana-Cornejo, of Rochelle, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on the 19th day of May, 2021, to Rosario Magana, whose attorneys are Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren, LLC, 2040 Aberdeen Court, Sycamore, Illinois 60178.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Ogle County Courthouse, 106 S. 5th Street, Oregon, Illinois, 61061 or with the representative, or both, no later than 4:30 p.m. on or before the 29th day of November, 2021, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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Notice is further given

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Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Onranance for the Road And Bridge Fund, the C8HB #915 Fund, and the Special Building and Equipment Fund for the Road District for LynnvUle Township in the County of Ogle, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31. 2022 will be on file and available for inspection by calling Ali Harms @ 815--393-9982.
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held immediately after the prior budget hearing on Monday June 21., 2021 at the LynnvUle Township Building In Undenwood and that final hearing and adlon on this ordinance will be take at this meeting.
Ali Harms
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SPORTS

RTHS Wrestling

Hubs split Oregon-Fulton home meet

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Hub varsity wrestling team faced Oregon and Fulton in a triangular nonconference meet Saturday afternoon. The Hubs defeated Fulton 48-30 and fell 48-33 against Oregon to move to 13-2 on the season.

Rochelle will return to the mats with a three-team nonconference meet against Lena-Winslow and Sterling on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Fulton

Four wrestlers received forfeit wins against Fulton including freshmen Riley Damask (106 pounds), Tommy Tourdot (113 pounds), senior Ivan Pineda (120 pounds) and sophomore Wesley Brown (138 pounds). Sophomore Weldon Nay recorded a second-period pin to win the 132-pound bout and senior Grant Thompson

notched a third-period pin at 145 pounds. Seniors Ben Harvey and Noah Messer pinned their opponents to win the 195 and 220-pound matches.

Oregon

Riley Damask received a forfeit at 106 pounds and Tommy Tourdot dominated the 113-pound matchup against Caleb Wolford, recording a 33-second pin. Ivan Pineda took a forfeit at 120 pounds before Oregon pinned to win the 126, 132 and 138-pound bouts to even the match. The Hawks received an injury default at 145 pounds as well as forfeits at 152 and 160 pounds.

After Oregon pinned to win the 160-pound bout, freshman Leo Stoffel outlasted 170-pounder Collin Winterland with a 20-19 decision for the Hubs. Ben Harvey and Noah Messer received forfeits at 195 and 220 pounds before the Hawks recorded a 30-second pin at 285 pounds.

RTHS Softball



(FILE PHOTO BY RUSSELL HODGES)

Junior Melissa Young went 3-for-3, doubled and recorded two RBIs in the Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball game at Plano on Monday.

Lady Hubs pour on runs at Plano

BY RUSSELL HODGES
SPORTS EDITOR

PLANO — The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team poured on the runs against Plano, cruising over the Reapers 15-0 Monday evening to snap a four-game losing streak. The Lady Hubs (6-9) will host Ottawa on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Senior Bella Lodico and sophomore Morgan Smardo combined for nine strikeouts across four innings on Monday, holding the Reapers to only one hit. Senior Kendal Ansteth went 2-for-3 at the plate, doubling once and recording a team-high three RBIs in the win.

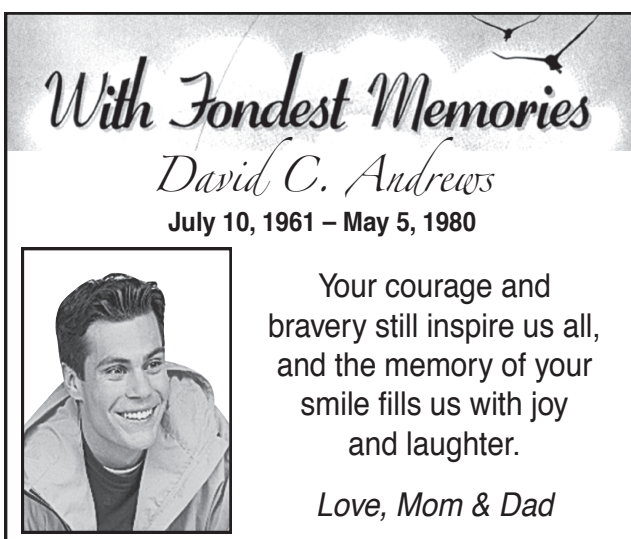
Junior Melissa Young finished a perfect 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, while junior Lauren Jackson totaled one hit and two RBIs. Junior Jordin Dickey went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and sophomore Addie Friestad finished 2-for-2 with one RBI. Senior Zoe Hardcastle added one hit and one RBI.

Sycamore

The Rochelle Lady Hub varsity softball team faced a tough Sycamore squad Friday afternoon, falling 5-0 and moving to 5-9 on the season. Senior Kendal Ansteth singled twice and doubled for the Lady Hubs, while senior Bella Lodico and junior Jordin Dickey each singled in the loss to the Spartans.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Remember your loved one with a special tribute this Memorial Day.



In Honor of Memorial Day

The Rochelle News-Leader will publish memorials of those who are gone but not forgotten. This is a wonderful way to remember those dear to us, and share memories.

Tributes include your choice of verse from the right, and an optional photo if submitted.

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6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
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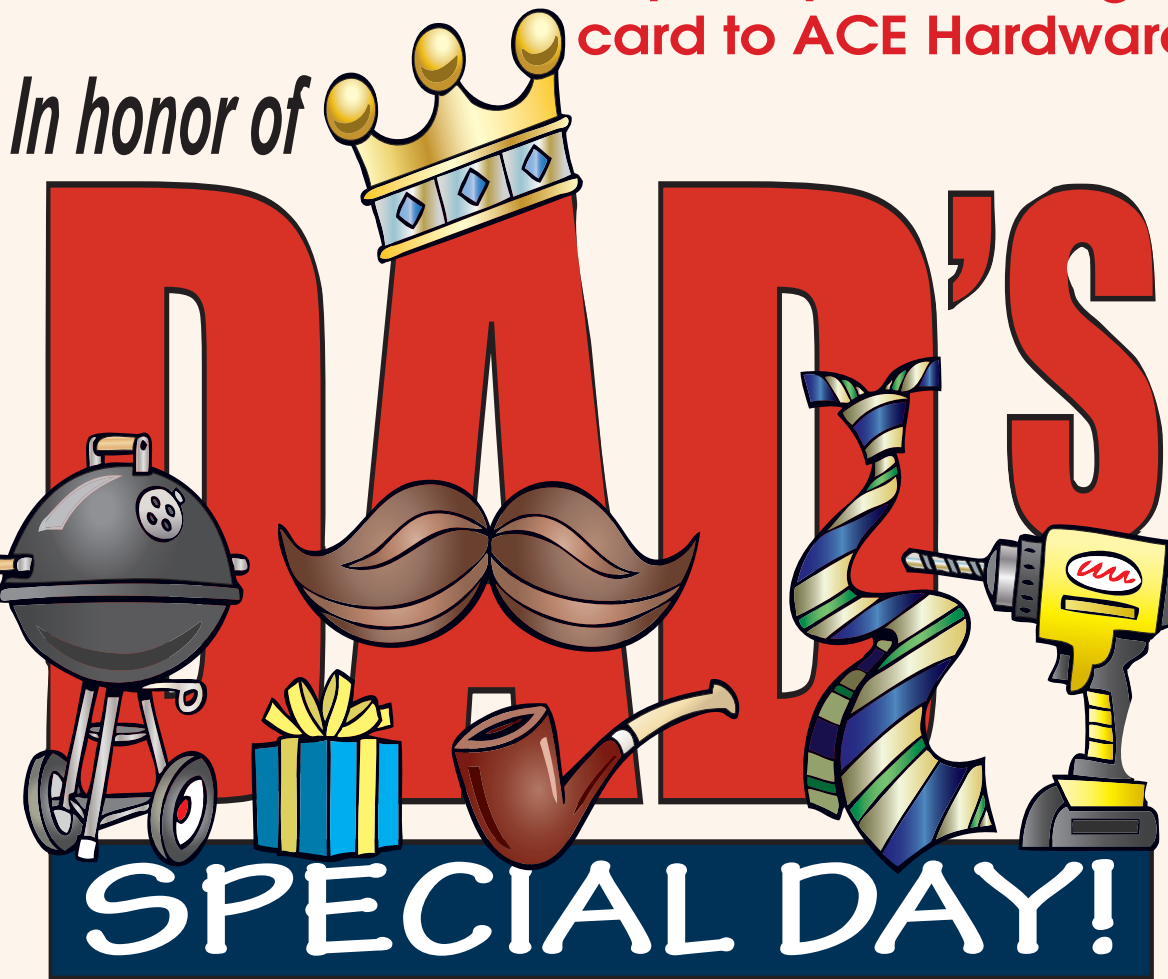
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